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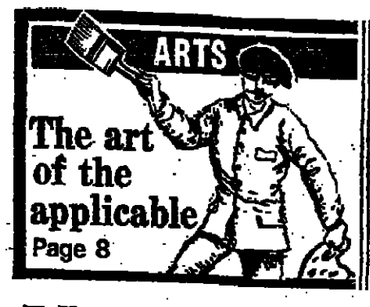
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ON MONDAY the Guardian begins a new series examining the major issues of the day. Ian Aitken's political commentary from Westminster will appear on the main feature page facing the leader page. And on the leader page itself, a new weekly column by Geoffrey Taylor will look tangentially at aspects of the news.
Hugo Young's regular column will now appear on Tuesdays; and on Wednesdays our correspondents in the Soviet Union and the United States will provide comment and analysis from the capitals of the super powers.

The days to victory

IN THE build-up to next Wednesday's 40th anniversary of VE-Day, we shall be continuing our war pages from the Guardian of 40 years ago. Monday's page is dominated by the arrival of the Allied forces in Prague.
On Tuesday there is the announcement of peace and the coming broadcasts from Churchill and the King.
And on Wednesday, the anniversary of VE-Day itself, we publish a special four-page supplement, including the 1945 Guardian page that reported VE-Day, an important article by Martin Gilbert, Churchill's biographer, on Britain and Russia as allies, and reports from our own correspondents in France, Germany, and the Soviet Union.

Also on Monday:

TERRY COLEMAN meets Percy Fender, still batting at 92.
KEN LIVINGSTONE talks to Bea Campbell.
WALDEMAR JANUSZCZAK interviews Liv Ullman.
POLLY TOYNBEE discusses wicked stepmothers.
JILL TWEEDIE writes for the Media Page, and
IVOR CREWE analyses the results of the local elections.

Owen argues county results mark 'the end of extremism'

Alliance claims balance of power

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The Alliance was yesterday savouring its successes in the shire county elections, which have decisively changed the colour of the political map in Englan dand Wales.

Liberal and SDP councillors now hold the balance of power in more than half the counties and will become the power-brokers of the main tier of local government.

Preliminary analysis of the results suggests, however, that *the Alliance fell well short of* the electoral breakthrough necessary to make significant headway at Westminster.

Although it won enough seats to destroy the system of one-party control in most county halls its share of the vote appears to have fallen since the *1983 general election.*

Sample analyses by the Guardian and four other surveys suggest that Mr Steel and Mr Owen would have between 26 and 68 MPs in the Commons if a general election were to reflect the balance of opinion in Thursday's local polls.

Although it is by no means clear whether Labour could win an overall parliamentary majority on this basis, the result is in line with the party's recent revival in the opinion polls.

So the results, reflecting the arrival on the political scene of the Alliance, which did not exist in the last county elections in 1981, should also boost the morale of Mr Kinnock.

The Conservatives were trying to console themseves yesterday with the recognition that low turnouts in local elections during the middle of a government's term did not necessarily foreshadow the eventual general election performance.

Mr Kinnock claimed a triumph for Labour. He said the results meant that his party would have been swept to power with a majority of 47 if there had been a general election on Thursday.

"In the wake of those results I make one request to Mrs Thatcher: can we please have a general election a fortnight on Thursday, because we need a Labour government in Britain? We want Mrs Thatcher to get out and take her whole Government with her so that we can secure a Labour government and rebuild this whole country from top to bottom," he told the Wales TUC conference at Tenby.

SDP and Liberal politicians claimed that the results pointed the way to the Alliance holding the balance of power at Westminster. "Politics is now clearly a three-horse race and it will remain so until the next election," the SDP leader, Dr David Owen, told a press conference in Westminster. "People can huff and puff, but once again it has been demonstrated that the election in votes achieves substantially more than in the opinion polls."

The elections have deprived the Tories of overall control in Cambridgeshire, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, North Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset and Wiltshire. Labour has lost its overall majorities in Avon, Cumbria, Humberside, Lancashire and Northumberland.

Dr Owen said that these results would produce "balanced councils, balanced judgments and the end of extremism." He added: "The others are searching for their silver linings and we must not deprive Mr Gummer (the Tory Party chairman) and Mr Kinnock of some of theirs — we have the golden fleece.

The Liberals were by far the main beneficiaries of the Alliance advance. In the 29 counties free of boundary changes where results can be accurately compared, the Liberals made 105 net gains, compared with 24 for SDP candidates.

The Tories made 55 net losses and Labour 32 net losses. The Alliance now has about 300 more county councillors than on Wednesday.

Mr Gummer admitted that the elections had not produced the results which Conservatives wanted. "We have done better in the North than we thought we would. We have done less well in the South than we had *hoped," he said.*

The Labour Party said last night that it had collated results seat by seat across the 47 counties which polled. This showed that the Conservatives had 32.8 per cent of the votes cast, Labour 30.8 per cent and the Alliance 26.2 per cent.

The figures compare with 40.2 per cent for the Conservatives in the 1981 shire county elections, with 34.9 per cent for Labour and 18.1 per cent for the Liberals. Results for the same areas in the 1983 general election gave the Conservatives 50.2 per cent, Labour 21.4 per cent and the Alliance 27.9 per cent.

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France blocks summit trade plans

From Christopher Huhne and Derek Brown in Bonn

PRESIDENT Mitterrand of France blocked agreement of seven industrial national leaders yesterday on the launch of a new round of trade liberalisation talks next year.

He insisted, against the pleas of most other summit participants, that an agenda for the talks had to be settled before the date could be agreed and that the interests of France's farmers must be protected.

The French stand has all but dashed hopes for a clarion call from the summit for a global strategy for economic recovery, based on more open trade. It is likely that the economic statement to be issued today will contain an anodyne three-point programme for growth and a commentary on recent economic developments.

American disappointment could not be disguised yesterday, as President Reagan was relying on a clear summit lead in favour of early trade talks to staunch mounting protectionist pressure in Congress for tariff bills, particularly against the Japanese.

The Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, said last night that trade talks would go ahead next year—even if they were outside the context of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

"There will be negotiations," he insisted. "Whether there will be a Gatt round is another question."

He said America would organise talks with other states, singly or in groups, but he acknowledged that they would not have the same force as a serious Gatt round.

The economic programme that has been agreed, is that the United States should continue to try to cut its budget deficit; the Japanese to cut their trade surplus; and Europe to remove the so-called "structural sigidities" which are supposed to have stalled job-creation.

British officials damned the draft with faint praise. It was understandable, said one, that countries which had poured so much aid in to Africa should be concerned with this subject.

However, President Mitterrand was said to feel that his proposals for helping the Third World, a plank in his summit interventions since 1981, were making some headway.

Earlier, the summit expressed readiness to conduct a dialogue with the Soviet Union at "a high level" to resolve differences between East and West. The call came in a political declaration welcoming the resumption of nuclear missile and space arms talks between the US and the Soviet Union. It also endorsed Washington's position in the Geneva talks.

The summit called urgently on the Soviet Union to "act positively and constructively in order to achieve significant agreements" in Geneva.

Pledging determination to keep the peace and protect democratic freedoms, the seven leaders said "we are prepared to p ursue a high-level dialogue to deal with the profound differences dividing Eat and West."

No explicit mention was made of the "star wars," but American officials were pleased to have gained significant backing for the research aspects of the programme, if not for its military use.

The disenssion of East-West relations was said to have held little hope that the new leadership in the Soviet Union would bring speedy change to Moscow's position, although the leaders were cautiously optimistic of openings in the longer term.

The "declaration" on democratic freedom was regarded as of particular importance to Germany on the *eve of the fortieth anniversary* of VE Day.

It looks forward to "a state of peace in Europe in which the German people will regain unity through free self determinatin."

In a minor negotiating triumph for Japan's Premier, British and French officials are to start work immediately on a treaty governing the Channel Tunnel. It is the go-ahead for the drafting work signalled last night by Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand in a bilateral meeting on the fringes of the world economic summit in Bonn. One official said: "They have agreed that they must each stress their enthusiasm by going ahead quickly with the preparation for a treaty." The treaty is expected to cover issues of sovereignty and Customs systems.

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DOUBLE ACT: President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl pictured during a summit break

GPs gain right to prescribe banned drugs

By Andrew Veitch and James Erlichman

The Government has offered sweeping concessions to family doctors on the list of drugs it banned for National Health Service prescription and which was introduced only last month.

The offer, by the Department of Health and Social Security, which is to be put to the annual meeting of the British Medical Association next month, proposes the setting up of local committees to which GPs can apply for permission to prescribe listed drugs to named patients.

These committees would be set up by Family Practitioner Committees and would comprise a GP chairman, three other GPs as members, and two hospital doctors.

Dr Andrew Herxheimer, senior pharmacologist at Guy's Hospital, south London, attacked the proposed deal as being "quite unacceptable."

He said: "There is quite a risk that because of their composition some of the appeals sub-committees will simply turn into rubber stamps for doctors who want to prescribe black-listed drugs."

The DHSS offer would allow GPs to apply to the local committees to prescribe listed drugs in the following circumstances.
if there are known contra-indications to the drugs on the list;
the patient is known to be sensitive to the approved drugs;
a long term patient has been stabilised with difficulty on a drug now banned, and switching to an approved drug would entail a risk;
a banned drug has a recognised therapeutic effect, necessary to the patient and not achievable with an approved drug.

Doctors would apply in advance to prescribe a banned drug or prescribe it for a maximum of four weeks and then apply for the local committee's retrospective approval.

The concessions appear to run counter to the claims by Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, that the limited list would cater for all patients' needs.

Sports Council chairman resigns

By John Rodda

Mr John Smith, the chairman of Liverpool Football Club, is expected to be the new chairman of the Sports Council succeeding Mr Dick Jeeps, who announced his resignation last night.

An announcement of Mr Jeep's successor is to be made in the House of Commons by Mr Neil Macfarlane the sports minister, next week.

Mr Jeeps, who has headed the Sports Council since 1978, is at present on holiday in Kenya, but his letter of resignation was released last night by his legal advisers. Addressed to Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, it said:

"I discussed with Neil Macfarlane, minister for sport, last week, the considerable development and changes in the Sports Council introduced under my chairmanship during the last seven years. I believe that the council has much to be proud of. Substantial progress has been made, I believe, to the great benefit of British sport.

"I believe, however, particularly bearing in mind the implementation of the council's *first corporate plan*, that a fresh approach will be needed from the chairman. In the continuing development of sport and recreation an even

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● On Monday we published an article about Mr Jeeps under the headline "Minister sacks Sports Council chairman." We now realise that Mr Jeeps was not dismissed. We wish to apologise to him for our report, and regret any embarrassment caused.

Storm over survival of Powell embryo bill

By Alan Travis

The progress of Mr Enoch Powell's bill to ban research on human embryos was halted in the Commons yesterday amid scenes of uproar during which the Speaker's chair was damaged.

Mr Dafydd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarfon, led a protest when, at the end of the allocated time for debate on the measure, Mr Harold Walker, the Deputy Speaker, refused to postpone a closure vote.

Shouting "That is a disgrace," Mr Wigley run to the Speaker's chair, waved his finger in Mr Walker's face, and thumped the ledge of the chair which fell off. Four Labour MPs joined in the furious protests.

They were complaining that the Deputy Speaker had allowed a move to curtail discussions on the bill, thus keeping its chances of survival alive with government help.

In the final vote on the measure an amendment moved by its opponents was defeated by 157 votes to 82, a majority of 75. The bill had a second reading majority of 172 in February.

Yesterday's 1$ hours of debate followed 3½ hours spent on an innocuous bill concerned with the *production of documents* by motorists to the police.

Opponents continued delaying tactics throughout the Powell bill debate in their attempt to talk it out.

Immediately after the debate Mr Powell, the Official Union-

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Dafydd Wigley — led *protesters*

Killer is Legion disease

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

The epidemic which has broken out in Stafford was identified as Legionnaire's Disease last night. Four more patients have died, bringing the death toll to 27, and another six are in intensive care suffering from pneumonia.

Specialists from the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre immediately began searching for the source of the outbreak, thought to be one of the worst.

Twelve cases of the disease were confirmed earlier in the day and last night a health authority spokesman said: "The infection control committee has decided to treat the situation as an outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease and has modified treatment arrangements accordingly."

Doctors will now use antibiotics known to kill the bacteria Legionella pneumophila. Nine of the 12 confirmed victims are still alive.

Two old people's homes affected by the outbreak, the Laurels in Stafford and Langbourne House at Cannock, have been closed to new admissions.

In just over two weeks 117

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Car 'bomb' near MP

POLICE removed explosives and hand grenades last night from a car parked outside the advice centre of Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, in Kingston-upon-Thames. Mr Lamont, the local MP, called police after *being given a note* in his office by a woman about the car.

Film denial

FILM festival organisers in Japan deny that threats from rightwing extremists made them drop a film. Page 6.

No way gay

CONSENT for a 143,000 grant to the London Lesbian and Gay Centre has been refused by the Government. Page 3.

MP's mail inquiry

AN MP's allegation that his mail has been tampered with by Treasury officials anxious to delay information on the Johnson Matthew Bank collapse is to be investigated by the Speaker. Back page.

Libertarian stays

A LIBERAL MP has changed his mind about resigning from the executive of the National Council for Civil Liberties. Page 2. Living dangerously, page 17.

Less appealing?

PROMOTION of judges from the Court of Appeal will make that body more conservative. Page 2.

Silent Ferraro

THE 1984 US vice-presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro, kept mum during her visit to Belfast yesterday. Report, Picture, page 3.

Football results

CANON LEAGUE.—Second Division: Carlisle 1, Charlton 1. Third Division: Wigan 5, Doncaster 2; York 3, Rotherham 0. Fourth Division: Colchester 2, Swindon 1; Halifax 2, Hereford 1; Southend 0, Rochdale 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE.—Second Division: Fulham 19, Swinton 26.

RUGBY UNION.—Club match: Aberavon 6, Newbridge 15.

Turkey pledge

TURKEY'S prime minister told a delegation of foreign MPs yesterday that martial law would be abolished before the end of 1986. Page 7.

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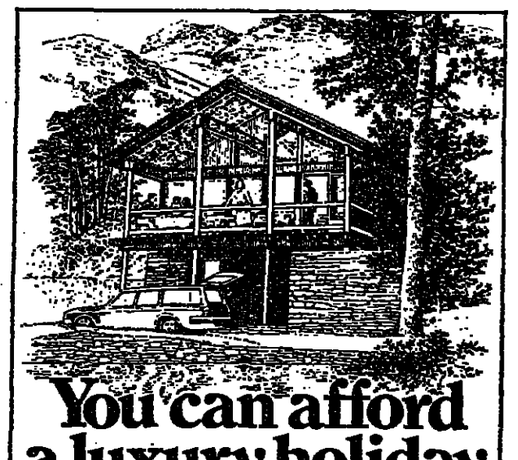
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Thatcher's speech in Bonn dismisses criticisms of policy

PM undeterred by Walker's call for new strategy

By David McKie,
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister was reported yesterday to be undismayed and undeterred by Mr Peter Walker's apparent attack on the Government in his Macleod Memorial Lecture at Cambridge.

The message filtering back from Bonn was basically: so what? Mr Walker quite often makes speeches not wholly in line with mainstream government thinking — especially, it seems, when invited to give a memorial lecture.

Whether Mrs Thatcher was wholly unperturbed when first reports of Mr Walker's speech reached her is Bonn is a matter for speculation. The Energy Secretary's speech calling for a fundamental change in strategy, came by quite coincidence, not only at a time when Mrs Thatcher was out of the country but with the April unemployment figures, an undoubted setback for government hopes, accentuating the urgency of his message. And it seemed likely to unsettle further a party busy digesting some unpalatable returns from the counties.

Mrs Thatcher said that all the heads of government in Bonn agreed that there should be no change in economic strategy. The seven were agreed that "we should pursue honest money policies and get inflation down and employment up," she said.

Every country was attempting to keep down public spending and control government deficits, she stressed.

Mrs Thatcher said her aim was to pursue policies which could be sustained over years and were economically sound. But she admitted that there was a paradox — after four years of growth in Britain, with record output and living standards, unemployment was also at record levels.

This did not seem to happen in the US or Japan, where markets were more flexible, people more willing to move jobs, and wage costs were less rigid. In Britain and Europe, technology was handled less well, while unemployment benefits were more generous, she said.

However, the Government would have nothing to gain from an opening of noisy public hostilities between Mr Walker and his colleagues. Suggestions by some backbenchers that his persistent disloyalty has earned him dismissal are certain to be ignored.

The Conservative Party chairman, Mr John Gummer, yesterday issued a qualified defence of Mr Walker, saying that the speech had been designed "to bring a sharpness to a particular aspect of policy."

In a BBC TV interview he said: "If you listen to the whole speech — I have read the whole speech — I would find that it would not be something which you could say was objectionable."

Mr Gummer commented: "There are three things you do when you try to deal with unemployment. You train people better, that is why we have the YTS scheme and 70 per cent of people on that actually get a job.

"The second thing you do is to try to bring down taxes in order to encourage new enterprise. And the third thing you do is to invest in infrastructure. We are great supporters of that.

"So the three things have got to come together. What Peter Walker was doing was emphasising one of those."

MP says he will stay on NCCL executive

By Seumas Milne

The threat of further resignations from the National Council for Civil Liberties and of the creation of a rival organisation subsided yesterday after the Liberal MP, Mr Alex Carlile—who was a close ally of the former general secretary, Mr Larry Gostin—announced that he would not after all step down from the NCCL Executive.

Mr Gostin resigned on Thursday because he felt that last weekend's annual general meeting of the NCCL had identified the organisation too closely with the labour movement and because it had opposed the view that the freedom to work is as much a fundamental right as the right to strike. He also wanted the NCCL to be prepared to give advice to racialist organisations as well as their members.

Four members of the 22-strong executive resigned in support of Mr Gostin. They are: Mr Ian Martin, Mr Ron Lacey, Mr Brian Richardson, and Mr Mark Clayton.

But after the new executive carried a motion on Thursday night which appeared to step back from some of the positions adopted at the AGM Mr Carlile agreed to stay

The motion—which was proposed by a new executive member, the television broadcaster Mr Vincent Hanna—pledged that the NCCL would remain "independent of any political or industrial lobby or faction."

The organisation should not be seen as "the mouthpiece either of the trade unions or of those who oppose them," the motion went on. It concluded by declaring the NCCL's "absolute commitment to the defence of the civil liberties of all citizens irrespective of their individual political beliefs."

The NCCL chairman, Mr Bill Birtles, said that Thursday's meeting had retracted part of an earlier resolution which condemned members of the controversial NCCL-backed inquiry into the miners' dispute for causing "unnecessary damage to the miners' cause" in their interim report.

Mr Birtles said that the executive had also drawn back sharply from previous executive positions which implied that the NCCL would not give advice to members of racialist organisations.

All this was clearly enough to satisfy Mr Carlile, who topped the poll in elections for the next executive committee. He said last night that he was still unhappy about the fact that trade unions affiliated to the NCCL have up to six votes in elections and that he did not consider himself bound by the views of the annual general meeting.

Two of the positions of those executive members who have resigned will now be offered to the runners-up, Mr Chris Dark and Mr Clive Landa. The other two places will be filled in elections by NCCL local group representatives in two weeks' time.

But a question mark hangs over the position of Mr Landa, who is married to the Conservative minister Mrs Lynda Chalker and strongly supported several of the executive members who have resigned.

Doctors reassured on pill ruling

By David Hencke,
Social Services Correspondent

Doctors have been told that it is inconceivable that they could face criminal prosecution for prescribing contraceptives to girls under 16, in spite of the court ruling won by Mrs Victoria Gillick.

Legal advice released by the British Medical Association yesterday also said that it was difficult to see what civil action could be brought against doctors because there is no clear common law action "for infringement of parents' rights over children."

Despite the legal advice, Dr John Havard, the secretary of the BMA, said yesterday that doctors must obey the law, because if a civil action was successful they could face damages and be reported to the General Medical Council.

He promised, however, that the association would defend any doctor threatened with legal action who believed he had bona fide reasons to prescribe contraceptives or perform an abortion because of a medical emergency.

The BMA sought legal advice because of members' fears that the declaration won by Mrs Gillick in the High Court could prevent them giving any advice or help to young people under 16 without their parents' consent.

The Department of Health and the Wisbech and West Norfolk health authority plan to appeal to the Law Lords in June to try and reverse the declaration.

The legal advice, which has been checked with other solicitors before being released to the profession, says that doctors can continue to treat venereal disease for the under-16s without seeking parental consent and are free to give confidential advice on the disease, on sex education and "the mechanics of birth control methods." Dr Havard said that the advice could not go as far as recommending where to obtain any form of contraception.

Dr Havard said it was difficult to decide exactly what constituted a medical emergency because it had never been defined by the judges. He added that doctors resented any charge that they could be called unprincipled seducers of Britain's youth.

"It is the practice of doctors when seeing girls under 16 to do the best they can to get the girls to agree that the parents should be informed. In the majority of cases this is no problem," he said.

Dr John Dawson, the secretary of the BMA's central ethics committee, said yesterday that the BMA was pleased about the advice concerning the treatment of venereal disease. "We are worried that since the ruling young people suffering from venereal disease would not come forward for treatment. This view has also been expressed by many venerealogists."



WEED KILLERS: Fiona Bowles and Alan Frake with Siberian grass-eating carp which are being bred at the Wessex Water Authority's laboratories in Corfe Mullen, Dorset, for introduction into waterways to clear them of weed

Appeal court loses two liberals

By Malcolm Dean

The promotion of two judges of the 21-member Court of Appeal to higher offices, announced this week, will allow the Prime Minister to make the court even more conservative.

Lord Justice Griffiths, who has now been appointed a law lord, was more liberal than several of his colleagues, and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, who is to succeed the retiring Sir Robert Megarry as Vice-Chancellor, was particularly respected by liberal barristers.

As president of the Employment Appeals Tribunal between 1981-83 Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson demonstrated his commitment to civil rights in a series of rullings on racial and sexual discrimination. He was only promoted to the Court of Appeal in 1983 but since then has dissented from his conservative colleagues in severa cases.

Barristers involved in the increasing number of judicial review cases in which government decisions have been challenged described his move yesterday as "a sad loss."

Sir Nicholas is believed to have been unhappy in his role as dissenter. As Vice-Chancellor he will be in charge of the 12 judges in the Chancery division of the High Court, which deals with disputes about wills, property and taxation.

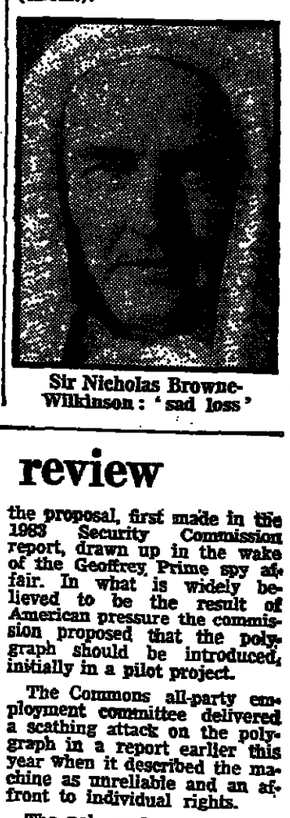
All appointments to the Court of Appeal are in the hands of the Prime Minister. The Lord Chancellor takes soundings from the senior judges and makes recommendations.

There was widespread speculation in legal circles last year that Sir John Donaldson, the head of the Appeal Court, who has a conservative reputation and once served as a conservative councillor, was Mrs Thatcher's preferred choice to succeed Lord Hailsham as Lord Chancellor.

The two new Appeal Court judges, who will serve under Sir John, will almost certainly be drawn from the 52 judges of the Queen's Bench division of the High Court.

There was an old tradition that the law officers — the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General — should be offered some post within the judiciary. But Sir Michael Havers, the present Attorney-General has a marginal constituency and made it known last year that he did not consider himself "a good enough lawyer" to be appointed to the Court of Appeal. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, is believed to be more interested in a political career.

There are nine law lords, 21 judges of the Court of Appeal, 77 High Court judges, and 372 circuit judges. Salaries are £58,500 (law lord), £55,500 (Court of Appeal), £52,000 (High Court) and £33,000 (circuit).



Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson: 'sad loss'

Suspended consultant accused of malpractice

By Andrew Veitch,
Medical Correspondent

Mrs Wendy Savage, a senior consultant and leader of the campaign for women's rights in childbirth, has been suspended pending an investigation into five cases of alleged malpractice, it was disclosed last night.

Four of the cases involve caesarian sections, and none concerned abortions, said her solicitor. "Mrs Savage firmly denies she has been guilty of any malpractice and will fight to defend her name in any inquiry," he added.

Mrs Savage is senior lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at The London Hospital medical school, and consultant to Tower Hamlets health authority. She is based at The London Hospital, in Mile End.

She was told of her suspension, and the allegations against her, in a letter last week from the district medical officer, Dr Jean Richards.

Her solicitor added: "The allegations about the five cases reflect a disagreement about attitudes to the care of pregnant women. They occurred between six and 18 months ago.

"Mrs Savage has been a consultant for 11 years and an obstetrician for 20 years. She has never previously been rebuked or disciplined."

The suspension — on full pay — has provoked protests from doctors and will lead to a row about maternity care policies at The London Hospital.

Dr Luke Zander, chairman of the Royal Society of Medicine's maternity care forum, said last night: "She is a major contributor to the debate about the delivery of maternity care. She represents a group of obstetricians who are trying to deliver a woman-centred approach based on what women want."

Some 40 local GPs have expressed their support for Mrs Savage.

Tower Hamlets health officials would not comment on the decision to suspend Mrs Savage.

Union fails to move Post Office on pay offer

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Staff

The Post Office management yesterday refused to increase its existing 4.5 per cent pay offer for postmen. Mr Alan Tuffin, the general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said he was surprised and disappointed by their attitude.

It is now likely that no pay increase will be agreed in time for the union's conference, starting on May 19, which will vote on proposed radical changes in working practices negotiated by the UCW with the Post Office last month.

In the negotiations which averted a national postal strike the leadership agreed to a new technology deal and the introduction of a compulsory productivity scheme. It also agreed that it would attempt to persuade the conference to allow the executive to negotiate on a proposed increase in part-time staff. Currently, 8,000 part timers are employed — a figure the Post Office wishes to increase to at least 28,000, nearly a quarter of the workforce.

The management has said that it will unilaterally recruit part timers if the UCW conference bans negotiations on the issue. It has also set a deadline of June 17 for the terms of the introduction of part timers to be negotiated and put to a branch ballot of the membership.

Mr Tuffin said last night: "The first feedback from the branches suggests that the executive's approach will be endorsed and that we will avoid the danger of a national strike, but it will be tough."

In its emergency report to all members the UCW executive states: "The agreement has avoided a major confrontation with the employer which would have led inevitably to a national postal strike either immediately or within a few days. No one should underestimate how close that was or that we could face that again. Plainly put, if delegates at conference vote to reject the agreements we have entered into and to ban negotiations on the use of 'less than full-time staff,' then we will have to take the Post Office on."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Balloting inquiries ending

An Industrial Society spokesman conceded yesterday that it seemed highly unlikely that the Transport Union leadership would now allow the society's director, Mr John Garnett, to continue his inquiries into alleged ballot-rigging in the South-east during last year's election for a general secretary *writes Patrick Wintour.* No formal notification has been received by the society from the union, but informal contacts suggest that the union feels it has done enough by agreeing to the recommendations made in Mr Garnett's first report.

Mr Garnett had been eager to inquire into the reasons behind the failure of a third of the region's 1,600 branches failing to record any vote whatsoever. He had also been intending to investigate further branch returns. He had found that of the 12 branches where he had made initial inquiries, eight had shown signs of ballot-rigging.

£2 Games coin

THE Royal Mint is to strike a £2 coin to commemorate the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986. A normal version of the coin will be issued at face value and collector's versions, in precious metals and base metals, will be issued at a premium. There are no plans to issue a £2 coin for normal circulation.

Film road

THE British Film Year Roadshow, with an exhibition of costumes worn in recent films by Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Meryl Streep, Christopher Reeve, and others, set off yesterday for a tour of the provinces to help to create interest in the British cinema. Mr Norman Lamont, the industry minister, was at the Empire Cinema, in Leicester Square, London, to see it off.

Bomb hotel cuts

FORTY junior staff at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, which was badly damaged by an IRA bomb during the Conservative Party conference in October, are being made redundant next month. The owners, the brewery company Greenall Whitley, say they cannot afford to keep them on the payroll.

Guides inquiry

A BARRISTER has been appointed to chair an inquiry into why 50 Girl Guides were taken to hospital suffering from hypothermia after a parade at Crystal Palace, London, last weekend. Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, will meet Lady Baden-Powell, the Guides' chief commissioner on Tuesday to agree terms of reference for the inquiry.

Authority to monitor riot case inquiry

By Sarah Boseley

THE newly established Police Complaints Authority is to supervise an investigation of police conduct during a demonstration at Manchester University against the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, in March.

In a statement yesterday the authority said that complaints had been received alleging police misconduct in securing access to a hall where the Home Secretary was due to address a meeting.

After some 500 chanting protesters, mostly students, blocked Mr Brittan's way into the students' union, police reinforcements arrived and cleared a passage. In the resulting scuffle many protesters were arrested and 32 were later charged with public order offences.

The Home Secretary has since rejected calls, in particular from Manchester city council's police monitoring committee, for an independent inquiry into tactics used by the police.

Greater Manchester police have already put investigation of the complaints into the hands of a senior officer from another force, Mr John Reddington, deputy chief constable of Avon and Somerset. The Police Complaints Authority has approved this appointment, and one of its 12 members, Mr Vincent Moore, a former personnel manager, will supervise the investigation.

A spokesman for the authority said that Mr Moore could interview witnesses if he chose or adopt whatever other method he thought fit. "He is free to supervise in any way he chooses."

On Thursday the authority announced that it would be supervising an inquiry by Merseyside police into alleged police misconduct during investigations of a bingo-style competition, based on car number plates, run by petrol stations.

Protestant may have been killed by mistake

From Paul Johnson
in Belfast

A Northern Ireland man shot dead yesterday outside his secluded hillside home by a masked gunman may have been the victim of mistaken identity.

Mr William Heenan, aged 50, was attacked by at least one man as he left his cottage near the village of Leitrim, County Down, early yesterday morning to feed his chickens.

The gunman jumped from behind a wall and opened fire from close range, hitting Mr Heenan several times in the head. The dead man's 12-year-old son, Sammy, who was in bed, saw the attacker driving away in his father's car.

He went down into the yard and found his father's body. Sammy, whose mother died two years ago, ran almost a mile to another house to get help. The car was later found abandoned nearby.

There had been no claim of responsibility for the killing by last night.

Mr Heenan, a driver for the Department of Environment, was a Protestant but had no connection with the security forces. Some local Unionist politicians claimed that he had been killed simply because of his religion and because he presented an easy target.

The Rev Robert Jones, of the Church of Ireland, said last night that Mr Heenan was well liked by everybody and there was no obvious motive for the murder.

"Sammy is a strong-willed young boy but he has lost his grandmother, then his mother, and now his father. He is now on his own."

Mr Gerry Douglas, of the Official Unionist Party, said: "This is yet another attempt by the Republican terrorists to drive the Protestant people from their homes. But they will not succeed."

● A Loyalist politician who demanded that all Catholics in Ulster be burned was freed from prison yesterday after sharing a cell with a Catholic for 15 days. George Seawright, aged 33, from Belfast was sent to the city's Crumlin Road gaol after refusing to pay a £100 fine after his sectarian outburst.

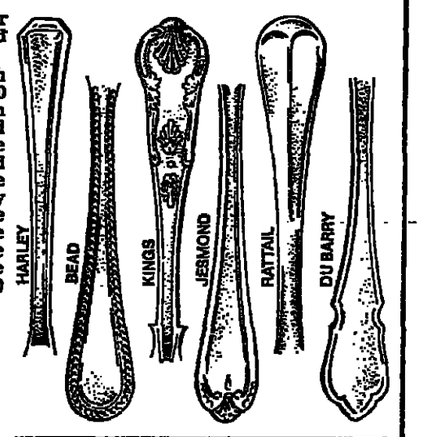
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Innovator of British contemporary theatre

OBITUARY

RUTH MARKS, an innovator in contemporary British theatre, has died from cancer in London, aged 40.

A Londoner, she read English at King's College before going on to a postgraduate degree in drama at Manchester in 1965.

With Noel Greig and Jenny Harries, she founded the Brighton Combination in 1968. A pioneering arts lab, it was the first fringe theatre to receive Arts Council aid. It introduced unknown writers like Howard Brenton, Richard Crane and John Grillo before shifting to the Albany Empire at Deptford.

Ruth Marks moved on to be general manager of the Hampstead Theatre when, under Michael Rudman, it was opening out to new work, and in 1975 became assistant director of touring at the Arts Council. Her ability to recognise quality and promote it resulted in the establishment of an extended theatre network which has increased the accessibility of first-rate work. A woman of insight, warmth and courage, she will be much missed.

US adviser

MILTON EISENHOWER, adviser to six US presidents, including his brother, Dwight, and a respected academic, died in a Baltimore hospital on Thursday, aged 85. Report, page 7.

Ballet dancer

Phyllis Bedells, the ballet dancer whose natural-seeming lyricism and reticence became a prototype for the English style, has died, aged 91. She danced with Anton Dolin, with whom she made her farewell performance at the Hippodrome in London in 1935.

Dance leader

PETER PEARSON, the general secretary of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, has died, aged 57. He joined the society in 1952 as a young chartered accountant and, as its secretary, transformed it into the biggest dance teachers' organisation in the world.

Lie detector review

By Richard Norton-Taylor

The GCHQ management is expected to begin negotiations on the introduction of the polygraph, or lie detector, at the intelligence-gathering centre next week at a meeting with representatives of the new staff federation.

Mr Brian Moore, the chairman of the federation which was set up to replace trade unions at the centre, said yesterday that he would be seeking legal advice about the polygraph, which he confirmed was on next week's agenda. But he suggested that staff who gave up their union rights — the large majority — were not in a strong position to oppose the use of the machine.

This was because they had agreed to go along with the Government's acceptance of the proposal, first made in the 1983 Security Commission report, drawn up in the wake of the Geoffrey Prime spy affair. In what is widely believed to be the result of American pressure the commission proposed that the polygraph should be introduced, initially in a pilot project.

The Commons all-party employment committee delivered a scathing attack on the polygraph in a report earlier this year when it described the machine as unreliable and an affront to individual rights.

The polygraph, which is opposed by many of those officials who agreed to give up their union membership as well as those who have refused to do so, is believed to be one of the main reasons for the union ban imposed by the Government last January.

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Notts NUM rebels face the sack

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

Mr Roy Lynk and Mr David Prendergast, the two rightwing leaders of the Nottinghamshire miners, face suspension from office by the NUM national executive next week when they face nine charges of disloyalty to the union.

Mr Peter Heathfield, NUM general secretary, has written to the two men warning them of the sack. He wrote that if the national executive concludes, "having heard everything you wish to put before it, that they no longer have confidence in your ability to honour your contract of employment, then I have to tell you that consideration may be given to suspending you on *full pay . . . until* the matter can be determined by conference, and to recommending to conference that your contract be terminated, possibly without notice."

Four of the nine charges relate to the suspension and eventual dismissal of the left-wing former Nottinghamshire area secretary, Mr Henry Richardson. The two men are also charged with "voting for and encouraging" the changes in the Nottinghamshire area rules which are in conflict with the union's model area union rules, encouraging the area executive not to participate in the national ballot for a 50p weekly levy in favour of dismissed miners and encouraging the end of the overtime ban in the Nottinghamshire area.

Any suspension of Mr Lynk and Mr Prendergast would prevent them from taking up the posts on the national executive to which they were elected two months ago.

The phraseology of Mr Heathfield's letter suggests that the national union is applying the same legal arguments used by the Nottinghamshire area when it maintained in the High Court that it had the right to dismiss Mr Richardson.

The letter stresses that the hearing is being conducted by the national executive and not by the new national disciplinary committee. Mr Lynk and Mr Prendergast intend to be legally represented at the meeting.

They argue that if they are dismissed by the national union they will continue in office as area officials, with their wages paid by the area union. The national executive will then face a choice of accepting the position or establishing its own area union.

The legality of Nottinghamshire rule changes, made last December to give the area greater autonomy from the national union, is to be tested in court on June 17. The national union was refused an interim injunction last December preventing the Nottinghamshire area council from passing the rule changes, and the issue is now set for trial.

Gas in school

A teacher and 24 children were taken to hospital yesterday after CS gas fumes had swept through their school. The gas — believed to have been let off as a prank — induced sickness, streaming eyes and swollen throats at Wandsworth School in south London.

Recriminations over pits strike document

Miners' leader accuses Norman Willis of lying

By Paul Hoyland, Welsh Correspondent

The South Wales miners' president, Mr Emlyn Williams, yesterday accused the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, of having lied about a document which was drawn up by the Government to end the pit strike.

He told the Wales TUC conference in Tenby that Mr Willis had claimed to be the author of the proposed agreement. "That was utterly untrue. That formula had been drafted out by the chairman of the National Coal Board, supported by the Government," Mr Williams claimed.

He said he was disappointed with the version of the negotiations given to the conference by Mr Willis on Thursday.

"It was a trade union leader saying deliberate lies. When you get that from a general secretary of the British TUC one can imagine how people must be gulled by the media who are not part of the movement."

Mr Williams said that if the miners had endorsed the formula they would have accepted the capitulation of their industry, committed hara-kiri and signed away everything they had fought for over the years.

He continued: "No trade union here this morning would have accepted signing that document and Willis came into the meeting and stated it was his own document.

"In fact, the document had been conveyed from Hobart House to Congress House by the board, accepted by Acas, and it was a faite accompli to destroy the miners."

Mr Willis has always maintained that he acted as a go-between during the miners' negotiations with the board towards the end of the dispute.



Emlyn Williams: used his casting vote

He accused the board of acting viciously in closing collieries since the strike. The last pit in the Rhondda Valley was now under threat and he warned: "We are regrouping. One of our pits is going to stand up and be counted and when they want help they will get it."

Mr Williams received a standing ovation, but a motion which accused the TUC of lacking leadership in the strike was heavily defeated.

Mr Bernard Roome, of Swansea Trades Council, told the conference: "If the TUC had raised its little finger the dispute could have been over and won in weeks. Not one national day of support was organised. In fact, they put more effort into trying to stop the Wales TUC day of action."

However, Mr David Jenkins, the Wales TUC general secretary, urged delegates not to indulge in public wrangling which would provide entertainment for the media.

Michael Parkin adds: Two pits on strike in Yorkshire have found little support from other collieries in the area for their strike over the sacking of four men for intimidating miners who worked during the strike.

Of the 12 pits to have voted so far in the Barnsley area only two — Houghton Main and Royston — have declared their willingness to support the strike. At Royston only 148 of the 536 men are said to have voted, with 80 for action and 68 against.

More than 1,300 miners at South Kirkby colliery near Pontefract, went on strike this week over the sacking of the four men. They were joined a day later by 500 men at Ferrymoor-Riddings, a drift mine which shares the same site.

Addressing the Wales TUC conference on Thursday, he conceded that the national movement had failed to win sufficient support for the miners from some unions. He appealed for tolerance on all sides.

Mr Williams revealed that the South Wales miners' executive had been on the verge of pulling its 20,000 members out of the TUC in protest at the lack of support received.

He declared: "It was only as a result of my casting vote that the miners decided to remain within the Wales TUC.

"I make no apologies for this. In my last year I would consider it an indictment if I led the South Wales miners into the wilderness. We must still fight in the Wales TUC."

Ferraro listens to terrorist evidence

The former US vice-presidential candidate attends a "supergrass" trial in Belfast, reports Paul Johnson

GERALDINE FERRARO, the former US vice-presidential candidate and latterly Pepsi Cola promoter, whizzed through Belfast yesterday on a silent visit designed to ensure maximum exposure and minimum risk.

A tiny figure among the henchmen, advisers and phalanx of police, Miss Ferraro went to the Crumlin Road courthouse to sit in at a "supergrass" trial. With her son, John Zaccaro junior, she listened to the evidence being given by the Loyalist informer, William "Budgie" Allen, who is serving 14 years for attempted murder.

She took notes as Mr Allen, who has implicated 25 men in a whole range of crimes gave a roll call of his Ulster Volunteer Force platoon, the Belfast Sweeneys.

Miss Ferraro had been invited to Belfast by relatives of those in the dock. Not surprisingly, they wanted to talk to her but a note passed to her across the courtroom was promptly returned unread.

Marching out of the building, Miss Ferraro deigned to offer her opinion on Diplock courts. "*No, no, no,*" she said.

Outside, nine of the relatives who had invited Miss Ferraro to Belfast stood surrounded by 14 policemen who ensured that she did not have to meet or talk to them.

She visited the headquarters of the province's fair employment agency, which works to prevent religious bias and then had lunch with politicians at the US consulate. After lunch it was back to Dublin, the exact purpose of the four-day visit still unclear.

"Surely she is more than a dumb blonde," one woman said, marching off in the direction of the *Shankill*, her unseen protest poster under her arm.



SILENT WITNESS: Geraldine Ferraro is driven away from the courthouse in the back of a police car

Pink licences

The traditionally green British driving licence is turning pink. New pink driving licences will be issued from next year to fall into line with the rest of the EEC.

Councils urged to act on surrogacy

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Social services departments have been advised by the Department of Health to take urgent legal action in suspected surrogacy cases.

A circular issued yesterday tells councils how they can apply for place of safety orders or issue a wardship summons to protect newly born babies where the council suspects that an infant could be at risk.

The new circular, issued by Mr John Patten, social services minister follows a ruling by Mr Justice Latey in the Baby Cotton case in January. It is being issued in advance of Government legislation to bar commercial arrangements for surrogacy, which is to be debated in the Commons on May 18.

Mr Patten said yesterday: "We are especially concerned about the future of babies born as a result of commercial surrogacy, who are in danger of being handed over for large sums of money, with no checks made about the fitness of the people who want to bring them up.

"Where a child has been born as a result of surrogacy arrangements and nothing is known about those who will look after the child, a local authority will want to make inquiries to satisfy themselves that the child will not be at risk.

"The firm guidance we have issued reminds local authorities of the principles they should operate when they learn of a surrogate birth."

He sympathised with the desperation of childless couples who wanted children. "Nobody wants to be officious or heavyhanded. But where the future of children is at stake there must be proper precautions to safeguard their interests."

The circular is also being sent to health authorities, family practitioner committees, and secretaries of approved adoption societies.

Baby Cotton was born to Mrs Kim Cotton last January after a couple had paid £6,500 to her.

Gay centre refused grant

By Alan Travis

Mr Kenneth Baker, the minister for local government, yesterday refused an application from the Greater London Council for his consent to a £143,000 grant to the London Lesbian and Gay Centre.

Under new powers in the paving bill to abolish the GLC, Mr Baker has the power to veto grants of over £100,000. He said that his refusal was based on the fact that there was no evidence that the lesbian and gay community constituted an economically deprived group of the population.

He said he had not judged whether the centre was justifiable, nor whether the intended users of the social centre constituted a group of the population who suffered social discrimination. He did question whether the centre would be able to raise an anticipated income of £90,865 a year.

Miss Valerie Wise, the chairman of the GLC's women's committee, said that if the users of facilities like the gay centre now had to prove they were economically deprived hundreds of voluntary organisations would be denied grant assistance.

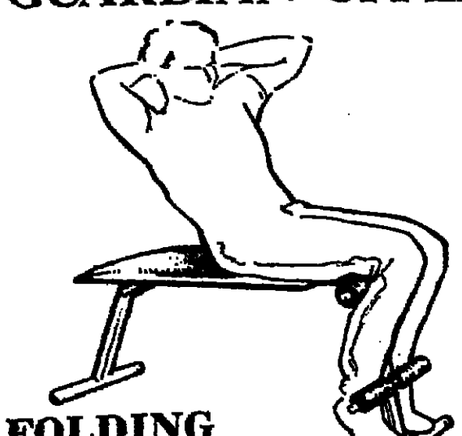
"He is wrecking a £1 million project, 11 full-time jobs, and the efforts of hundreds of volunteers," said Miss Wise, who opened the centre in Cowcross Street, Smithfield, three weeks ago.

Molly Malone's bones moved

Molly Malone, Ireland's most famous fishmonger, who "wheeled her wheelbarrow through streets broad and narrow" may have been disturbed in her grave.

Dublin corporation admitted yesterday that a few bones had been dug up when their workmen bulldozed a trench through a long-disused cemetery near Christchurch Cathedral, where Molly is said to have been buried in 1734. The bones have been reburied.

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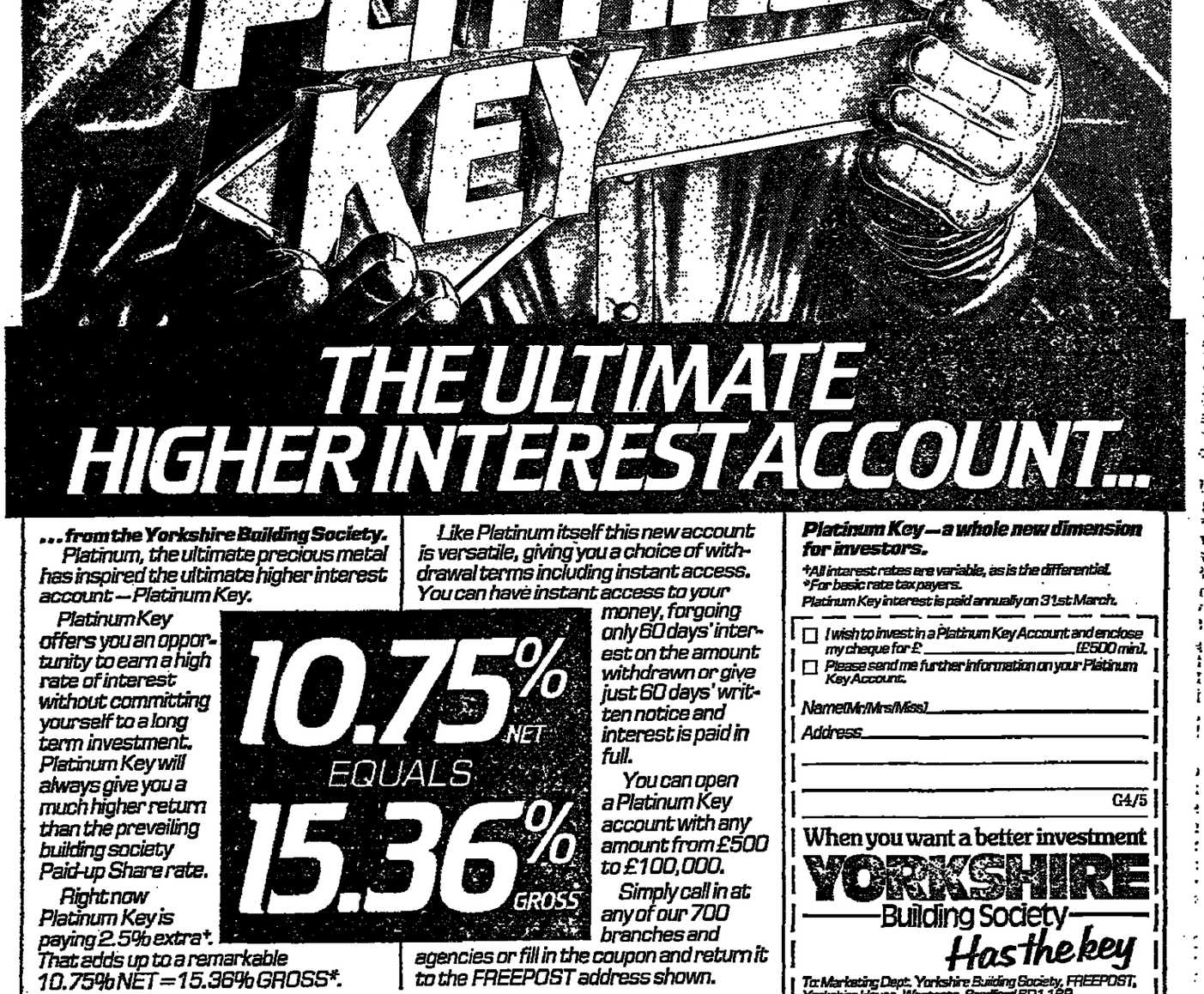
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Despite changing the political map the Liberals and SDP cannot claim any great advance on the 1983 general election

Elections leave 27 councils without an overall majority

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

THE local elections have changed the political map of England and Wales by putting most of the shire counties into a position of no overall control.

In the 47 counties which polled on Thursday there are 27 hung councils. The Conservatives have gained an absolute majority only in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Hereford and Worcester, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey, and West Sussex.

Labour maintains its control in Cleveland, Derbyshire, Durham, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Gwent and in Clwyd South, and West Glamorgan. The Liberals continue to rule the Isle of Wight. Though Lincolnshire is officially a hung council, council staff there say that three of the four independents elected are members of the Conservative Party, and the council will be effectively under Tory control.

Elsewhere, the results have produced hung counties whose the distribution of power will depend on arrangements between the parties which have yet to be negotiated. Experience in the counties which have been hung since the last elections in 1981 suggests that there will be no formal pacts or power-sharing arrangements. Over the next few days and weeks less formal understandings will be developed which will determine which parties form an administration and take committee chairs.

These arrangements can be expected to fluctuate over the coming four years until the next elections in May 1989, providing a large proportion of the electorate with immediate local experience of the sort of politics which could develop at national level if no party gained control of the House of Commons at the next general election.

The Tories have lost control of Cambridgeshire, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, North Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, and Wiltshire. Labour lost its overall majorities in Avon, Cumbria, Humberside, Lancashire, and Northumberland. Dyfed and Cornwall have slipped from Independent control, to no overall control.

Perhaps the only reassurance for supporters of the old two-party system came in South Glamorgan, where Labour increased its majority from two to six, and in Berkshire which emerged from the 1981 elections as a hung council but which passed into Tory control in subsequent byelections. The Berkshire Tories, whose leader is Mr Lewis Moss, Conservative group leader on the Association of County Councils (ACC), now have an overall majority of eight.

The Alliance has become the largest party in Cornwall. Gloucestershire and Somerset, and it is equal first with the Tories in Devon. Throughout the country the Alliance's Liberal partners, with their longer tradition in local politics, have taken the lion's share of the gains, although SDP councillors have picked up enough seats to become a force in county government for the first time.

The Alliance is now the second largest party in Cambridgeshire, Dorset, East Sussex, Hampshire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Surrey, West Sussex and Wiltshire.

Plaid Cymru was greatly encouraged by its gains, the party's general secretary, Mr Daffyd Williams, said yesterday.

"We have scored net gains. The elections show Labour will win the next general election. For Wales, self-government is our only escape from Thatcher," he added. Plaid Cymru has 25 seats on the eight county councils in Wales.

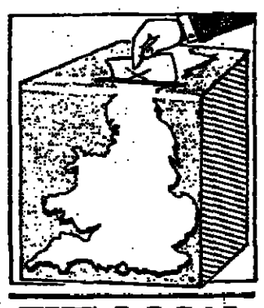
The Alliance emerged as the main opposition party to the Conservatives in true-blue Surrey. Alliance candidates won more seats than Labour and came second in most Conservative seats.

Labour lost its overall majority in Cumbria, where the Labour leader, Councillor Hugh Little, said it was the worst situation to have a hung council. He is pressing on with plans to form a minority administration.

The Conservatives lost three seats to the Liberals but gained one back from them in the Kendal Far Cross ward after they had drawn lots after a tied vote and three recounts.

Alliance triumph fades away

David McKie examines the differing assessments of the parties' performances



THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

THE apparent triumph of the Alliance in Thursday's local elections began to melt away yesterday as analysis began of the full voting figures. Several assessments of the voting, including one by the Alliance themselves, showed no great advance on the Alliance performance at the 1983 general election.

The Labour Party published a projection suggesting that Labour would fall just short of outright victory in a general election tomorrow if Thursday's voting pattern were repeated.

A Guardian survey based on six counties where the aggregate vote in the 1983 general election mirrored the result across England as a whole produced a similar conclusion, as did one for the BBC-TV Newsnight programme. But Channel 4's Week In Politics produced a very different conclusion.

The Guardian survey was based on results in Avon, Cleveland, Derbyshire, Essex, Lancashire and Staffordshire. It showed a fall of nine points in the Conservative vote since the general election, a rise of 11 points in Labour's, and a fall of two points in support for the Liberal/Social Democratic Alliance.

The Alliance was underrepresented in our sample because it did not fight every seat in these counties. But the findings are much in line with the findings of the Guardian/Marplan poll which showed Labour 10 points up compared with the 1983 election, the Alliance two points up, and the Conservatives 11 points down.

If the same pattern were repeated in a general election it would leave Labour about eight seats short of an overall majority, with the Alliance gaining only three extra seats. Four losses to Labour — one of them Roy Jenkins's seat at Hillhead — would be offset by seven gains from the Conservatives.

Labour's projection, based on reports from the party in the constituencies, gave Labour 323 seats, three short of an overall majority.

But it projects a higher figure of 276 for the Conservatives and a lower figure of 27 for the Alliance, much the same as their present total in the Commons.

This may be because their projection is based on 15 marginals where Labour is in second place or a close third and in these seats the battle is often polarised between Conservative and Labour at the expense of the Alliance.

Of the 15 seats, it claims that Labour would have won 14 on Thursday's votes, including Bristol North-west, Derby North, Leicestershire North-west and Norwich South.

The Liberal spokesman, Mr Simon Hughes, claimed that on Thursday's figures his party would have won a parliamentary election in Cheltenham, Chelmsford, Westbury, Torbay, North Cornwall, North Devon, Maldstone, Somerton and Penrith, while the SDP would have won Bath, Exeter, and probably Stevenage and Milton Keynes. He emphasised that these were only rough calculations.

Newsnight's figures, based on returns from 13 constituencies, showed the Conservatives taking 274 seats to Labour's 309, with the Alliance on 42.

The Alliance published figures last night showing that the Conservatives had taken 41 per cent of the English vote, Labour 29 per cent and the Alliance 30 per cent.

This compares with figures in these counties at the 1983 general election of Conservatives 50, Labour 21, and Alliance 23 — indicating a rise of only 2 per cent in the Alliance share of the vote. That could imply 302 Labour seats in a general election, 295 for the Conservatives, and 32 for the Alliance.

But the Week in Politics survey, based on results in 10 marginal constituences, showed Labour with an overall majority of two, with the Conservatives losing 160 seats and the Alliance moving up to 68.

Seats that Labour would have won include Basildon, York, Nottingham South, Slough, Cardiff West and Cambridge.

The Liberals would have won Wiltshire North and Southend West, but the SDP would have failed to take Bath from the Conservatives and would have been overtaken by Labour in Cambridge.

With such conflicting analyses, judgment on the lessons of Thursday's voting must be postponed until fuller information is available. If the five projections agree on anything it is that Alliance celebrations were at best premature. To get 68 seats — the highest of the four projections — would be a big advance on the 1983 election, but still short of a breakthrough.

Still, yesterday's headlines will have done the Alliance, which needs success stories to thrive, no harm. And the present drought of by-elections, which has frustrated the grouping so badly, cannot last for ever.

The five projections were: Guardian — Conservatives 285, Labour 318, Alliance 26; Labour Party — C 276, Lab 323, A 27; Newsnight — C 274, Lab 309, A 42; A Week In Politics — C 231, Lab 328, A 68; Alliance — C 295, Lab 302, A 32.



Mr Giles Radice (left)—foreseeing change; Mr Philip Merridale (right)—staying put

Shire changes 'could bring teaching deal'

By John Carvel and John Fairhall

The prospect that the county council election results and the shift in power on the Association of County Councils (ACC) could lead to a "fair settlement" of the teachers' pay dispute was held out yesterday by Mr Giles Radice, Labour's front bench education spokesman.

The ACC appoints a majority of the representatives on the employers' side of the Burnham pay negotiating committee.

The Conservatives have traditionally controlled the ACC but can no longer rely on a majority. Experience in 1981 showed that Labour and Liberal groups on hung counties were slow to realise the advantages of squeezing out Conservatives from their positions as county representatives on the ACC. Potential influence on the outcome of the teachers' dispute may make them more alert to the possibilities this time.

The ACC's representatives on Burnham will remain in position until the ACC's annual meeting on June 19. At present the Alliance has no members on the management panel of the Burnham pay negotiating committee. It is uncertain how far the present Conservative majority on the committee will be sensitive to their impending arrival.

Mr Radice said last night: "Even Sir Keith Joseph must have got the voters' message. He should immediately make a peace initiative."

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Teachers, said: "I hope the Government will learn that they can't treat big groups like the teachers with contempt without suffering the electoral consequences."

The National Union of Teachers called for a review of the Burnham employers' panel "to ensure that the panel fully reflects the political losses of the Conservatives."

Mr Philip Merridale, Tory leader of the employers' side, retained his seat in Hampshire and is not expected to step down before the new position becomes clear.

Only after deals are done will any shift in the ACC position on the pay issue emerge. If enough Labour and Alliance groups come together the ACC could join the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities in declaring common cause with the teachers in their demand for something better than a 4 per cent rise.

The likely outcome is that local authorities will agree with the teachers and the ball will be in the court of the Education Secretary. Sir Keith will then have to honour his pledge and decide whether what local authorities and teachers want is affordable and whether he should put it to his Cabinet colleagues.

County councils have already fixed their budgets for the financial year and unless they have budgeted for more than 4 per cent for teachers — some are prepared for 5 per cent and some for only 3 per cent — any extra pay will have to come from reserves.

Oxfordshire — whose Labour, Liberal and SDP groups will be meeting this weekend—is unusual in that Labour said in its election manifesto that it will be able to find an extra £4 million without extra risk of rate-capping.

Andrew Moncur adds: Up to 850,000 children face disruption to schools next week in the latest wave of selective strikes by members of the largest teaching union.

The National Union of Teachers plans to call out about 10,000 members on half-day to two-day strikes from Wednesday, affecting 657 schools in 40 areas.

Powys has been added to the list of target areas. It is the only education authority in Wales which has not so far agreed a statement declaring support for the teachers' case in a response to a countrywide campaign by the union.

Difficult days ahead for 6 babies

THE sextuplets born in Cambridge on Thursday are very sick, according to the specialist looking after them.

The four boys and two girls, who weighed a total of 9lbs and were born three months prematurely, are all in intensive care at the Rosie Maternity Hospital.

Their mother, Jane Underhill, aged 28, from Burwell, near Newmarket, is resting. She and her husband Peter have been warned of the difficulties facing the babies.

The consultant paediatrician, Dr Clifford Roberton said: "If by Monday we have six living babies we will feel happier."

Mrs Underhill had been treated with drugs to correct a hormone imbalance caused by anorexia nervosa and this caused the multiple pregnancy. The babies were born by Caesarean section, within three minutes of each other.

The hospital is an acknowledged centre for caring for premature babies, but it had to hire extra life support equipment and incubators, and the intensive care unit, normally with room for only six, is currently coping with nine premature babies.

"We are now shut. There is no way we can take in any more babies for two or three weeks," Dr Roberton said.

Accused soldier 'in debt'

A soldier facing a triple murder charge was deeply in debt at the time of a £19,000 payroll robbery in which three people died, the High Court in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

Corporal Andrew Walker, aged 30, of the Royal Scots, who denies murder and robbery, owed almost £2,000 to a finance company and a colleague, and was about to take delivery of a car worth £8,500. Five days before the robbery he told a car salesman that he would pay cash for it.

Corporal Robert Simpson, aged 24, of the Royal Scots, said he lent Walker £310 while they were on tour in Northern Ireland in 1982. Walker told him four days before the billings that he would repay the money later that week.

Major Bruce Dunlop, of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, who was Walker's commanding officer at Glencorse, said that he was contacted by a finance company late last year claiming that Walker owed them nearly £1,700 outstanding payments for a car.

On two occasions Walker told him that arrangements were being made to pay off the money.

Bullets found in the body of Staff Sergeant Terence Husker, 39, who was killed in the robbery, were fired by an Army sub-machine gun, a police ballistics expert told the court.

PC Roderick Macdonald of the Strathclyde Police identification bureau, told the court that the same weapon also matched nine cartridge cases found beside the bodies of Sergeant Hosker, Private John Thomson, 25, and retired Major David Cunningham, 56. Walker is alleged to have shot and robbed them between the Royal Bank of Scotland in Penicuik and Flotterstone, Midlothian.

The trial continues on Tuesday.

Liberals urged not to join coalitions during next four years of rule by hung councils

HUNDREDS of Liberal councillors, who now hold the balance of power in over 20 counties, will meet this weekend to discuss their strategy in the hung councils over the next four years.

At three special meetings organised by the Association of Liberal Councillors (ALC) in the North, London, and the South-west, the councillors — and some SDP colleagues will be urged not to seek coalitions or pacts with Conservative or Labour groups on individual authorities.

Instead, the ALC — the radical campaigning arm of the party which claims much of the credit for the Liberal/SDP performance — will suggest that Alliance councillors take the initiative by presenting specific policy proposals and demanding adequate committee representation. Consideration will also be given to establishing a strong presence on the Association of County Councils, currently Tory-controlled.

But many Liberal activists, often lukewarm towards the Alliance, will seize on the results as further evidence that their party is the driving force in the alternative opposition.

Some were suggesting yesterday that calls for a merger between both parties — hotly resisted by Dr Owen and his allies in the SDP — could only intensify in the coming months.

Mr Tony Greaves, a Lancashire county councillor and organising secretary of the ALC, said: "On our estimate we won seats at the ratio of five to one over the SDP. Quite clearly, we are the dominant partner in the Alliance when it comes to strength on the ground and campaigning. Moreover, a large number of SDP councillors stood in seats where they worked very closely with the Liberals.

"This is by far the most significant local government result for the party and we have changed the political map of Britain."

The ALC, a critic of the Alliance at the last election, operates on a semi-autonomous basis from offices at Hebden Bridge, west Yorkshire, although it is partly fronted by Liberal Party Headquarters in London. It is organising a network of political advisers who will be attached, on a part-time basis, to the Liberal groups in the hung councils — or "balanced authorities" as it prefers to call them.

Significantly, the Liberal leader of Cheshire county council, Mr Andrew Stunnell, will be helping to coordinate the political advisory service alongside Margaret Clay, west Yorkshire county councillor and political secretary of the ALC.

Cheshire, hung for the past four years, is regarded as a model. The Liberals — up from six to nine — with two SDP councillors — have played a key role in the county since 1981, forming loose pacts with Tories and latterly Labour, the largest single party.

Mr Stunnell believes that the "balanced administration" forms a model for Westminster after the next general election. "I can see a form of government which would not necessarily make a matter of confidence on every issue put forward," he said.

This is strongly contested by the outgoing Labour leader, Mr Basil Jenda, who insists: "Those who have been through a hung council for the past four years wouldn't wish it on an animal in terms of instability and changing administrations."

Even Cheshire's chief executive, Mr Robin Wendt, has said in a paper that any formal planning is inhibited on a hung council. "It is impracticable to look ahead more than a few months, and the reality of this has to be accepted."

The paper, Working in a Hung Council, could now be much in demand elsewhere. For Mr Wendt, in co-operation with the parties, did lay down a set of guidelines signed by each political leader, setting out the rights of members in relation to the bureaucracy. All parties, for instance, can request confidential briefings on policy matters which may be coming before the council.

The question is whether Labour, in Cheshire or elsewhere, will be prepared to soldier on without an overall majority.

Ferry 'ploy' is denied

From Joe Joyce in Dublin

The Dublin government denied yesterday that the appointment of private management consultants to run the state-owned B&I ferry company was a ploy to take it out of public ownership.

Mr Jim Mitchell, Minister for Communications, rejected opposition accusations that he intended to liquidate and privatise the ferry company. It would remain wholly owned by the state, he said.

Last year Irish ministers put the Republic's other flagship, Irish Shipping, into liquidation. But Mr Mitchell maintained that his novel plan for B&I was necessary to secure its survival and save taxpayers money.

Under the plan an accountant, Mr Alex Spain, has been appointed executive chairman, with his consultancy company retained to help him. Mr Spain set up the consultancy with two partners, including Sir Ian Morrow, who reorganised Rolls-Royce.

Politically, the coalition administration is sensitive to accusations that it wants to rid itself of nationalised industries. But the sensitivities of the Labour Party, the junior coalition partner, were scarcely considered when this latest announcement was made on the eve of its annual conference this weekend.

B&I, which employs 1,700 people, has lost IR £30 million (£24.6 million) over the past five years.

Full results of the shire county council elections held on Thursday

Conservative; Lab Labour; L Liberal; SDP Social Democratic Party; Ind Independent; PC Plaid Cymru; R Ratepayers or Residents; Comm Communist.

ON (Lab)
Lab 37, C 31, L 8. L gained 3 from C and 2 from Lab; Lab gained 1 from L and 1 from Ind; C gained 1 from Lab. Lab lose overall control.

DFORDSHIRE (None)
29, Lab 29, L 13, SDP 1, vacant 1. Boundary changes. change.

RKSHIRE (None)
42, Lab 17, L 16, Ind 1. Boundary changes. gain control.

CKINGHAMSHIRE (C)
49, Lab 12, L 6, SDP 3, Ind 1. Boundary changes. change.

MBRIDGESHIRE (None)
29, Lab 21, L 19, SDP 7, Ind 1, boundary changes. change.

ESHIRE (None)
Lab 32, C 27, L 9, SDP 2, 1 other. Ind gained 1 from Lab; L gained 3 from C; SDP gained 1 from Lab; C gained 1 from Ind. change.

CLEVELAND (Lab)
Lab 51, C 20, SDP 6. Boundary changes.
No change.

CLWYD (None)
C 14, Lab 27, L 2, Ind 23. C gained 1 from Lab, 2 from Ind and 1 from L. Lab gained 1 from C, 1 from L and 1 from SDP. L gained 1 from C. Ind gained 3 from Lab and 1 from C.
No change

CORNWALL (Ind)
L 29, SDP 1, Ind 27, C 16, Lab 5, Mebyon Kernow 1. L gained 10 from Ind and 4 from C; C gained 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind; Lab gained 1 from Ind; Mebyon Kernow gained 1 from C; Ind gained 1 from L.

CUMBRIA (Lab)
Lab 39, C 36, L 5, Ind 3. C gained 3 from Lab; L gained 3 from C; C gained 1 from L. Lab lose overall control.

DEVON (C)
C 37, Lab 10, L 23, SDP 13, Ind 2. Boundary changes.
C lose overall control.

DERBYSHIRE (Lab)
Lab 54, C 24, L 3, SDP 1, Ind 2. C gained 3 from Lab and 1 from Ind; SDP gained 1 from Lab; L gained 1 from C.
No change.

DORSET (C)
C 42, L 21, SDP 5, Lab 4, Ind 5. Boundary changes.
No change.

DURHAM (Lab)
Lab 50, C 5, SDP 4, L 3, Ind 5, others 5. Others gained 2 from Lab, 2 from C and 1 from SDP.
No change.

DYFED (Ind)
Ind 33, Lab 32, L 8, SDP 1, PC 5, Ind Ratepayer 1. Lab gained 3 from Ind and 1 from L, Ind gained 1 from PC and 1 from L, L gained 2 from Lab and 2 from Ind, SDP gained 1 from Ind.
Ind lose overall control.

EAST SUSSEX (C)
C 35, Lab 14, L 20, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
C lose overall control.

ESSEX (C)
C 45, Lab 29, L 23, Ind 1. C gained 1 from Ind, 1 from Lab and 1 from L; Lab gained 1 from C; L gained 6 from C and 2 from Lab; SDP gained 1 from Lab and 1 from C.
C lose overall control.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (None)
C 18, Lab 14, L 20, SDP 3, Ind 7, Other 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

GWENT (Lab)
Lab 67 C 9, L 1, PC 1. Lab gained 3 from C. PC gained 1 from Lab.
No change.

GWYNEDD (Ind)
Ind 42, C 3, Lab 6, L 5, SDP 2, PC 7, one vacant. SDP gained 1 from Lab; Lab gained 2 from Ind; C gained 1 from L; PC gained 2 from Ind; Ind gained 2 from PC, and 1 from Lab.
No change.

HAMPSHIRE (C)
C 50, Lab 19, L 23, SDP 8, Ind 2. L gained 14 from C and 1 from Lab; SDP gained 2 from Lab and 4 from C; C gained 3 from Lab, and 1 from SDP.
C lose overall control.

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER (C)
C 39, Lab 18, L 13, SDP 2, Ind 4. Boundary changes.
No change.

HERTFORDSHIRE (C)
C 36, Lab 27, L 13, SDP 1. C gained 1 from Lab, Lab gained 2 from C, L gained 6 from C, 2 from Lab and 1 from R.
C lose overall control.

HUMBERSIDE (Lab)
Lab 36, C 35, L 4. L gained 2 from C; L gained 2 from Lab; C gained 4 from Lab.
Lab lose overall control.

ISLE OF WIGHT (L)
L 28, C 11, Ind 4. L gained 2 from C; L gained 3 from Ind; C gained 2 from L; C gained 1 from Ind; Ind gained 1 from C; Ind gained 1 from L.
No change.

KENT (C)
C 57, Lab 24, L 16, SDP 2. Lab gained 1 from C; L gained 6 from C; SDP gained 1 from C.
No change.

LANCASHIRE (Lab)
Lab 48, C 41, Ind 1, L 7, SDP 1, one vacant. C gained 4 from Lab and 2 from Ratepayers; L gained 1 from Lab and 1 from C.
Lab lose overall control.

LEICESTERSHIRE (None).
C 42, Lab 32, L 10, SDP 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

LINCOLNSHIRE (C)
C 38, L 17, SDP 2, Lab 15, Ind 4. C gained 3 from Ind and 1 from SDP; L gained 6 from C and 1 from Lab; SDP gained one from Ind; Lab gained 2 from Ind, 2 from C.
C lose overall control.

MID-GLAMORGAN (Lab)
Lab 69, PC 7, Ind 3, L 2, C 1, Comm 1, Others 2. Lab gained 2 from C, 2 from PC, 2 from Others, and 1 from Ind; PC gained 2 from Lab.
No change.

NORFOLK (C)
C 44, Lab 25, L 13, SDP 2. Boundary changes.
No change.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (None)
C 34, Lab 29, L 4, Ind 1. C gained 2 from Lab, 1 from L and 1 from Ind; L gained 1 from C.
No change.

NORTHUMBERLAND (Lab).
Lab 29, L 17, C 13, SDP 3, Ind 3, one vacant. L gained 2 from C and 1 from Lab; SDP gained 1 from C and 1 from Lab; C gained 1 from Lab.
Lab lose overall control.

NORTH YORKSHIRE (C)
C 42, Ind 8, Lab 20, L 20, SDP 8. Boundary changes.
C lose overall control.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (Lab)
C 37 Lab 48, SDP 2, Others 1. C gained 6 from Lab; SDP gained 1 from C; Lab gained 1 from R; SDP gained 1 from Lab; Others gained 1 from Lab.
No change.

OXFORDSHIRE (C)
C 31, Lab 20, L 10, SDP 8, Ind 1, boundary changes.
C lose overall control.

POWYS (Ind)
Ind 42, Lab 8, L 2, SDP 1. Lab gained 1 from Ind, L gained 1 from Ind.
No change.

SHROPSHIRE (None)
C 20, Lab 25, L 9, SDP 1, Ind 11. Lab gained 2 from L, 1 from C; C gained 4 from Ind, 1 from Lab and 1 from L; Ind gained 1 from C; L gained 1 from Ind and 1 from C.
No change.

SOUTH GLAMORGAN (Lab)
C 18, Lab 34, L 5, SDP 4, PC 1. Boundary changes.
No change.

STAFFORDSHIRE (Lab)
Lab 48, C 30, L 4. C gained 2 from Ind and 1 from L. Lab gained 2 from Ind and 1 from C. L gained 1 from Lab.
No change.

SOMERSET (C)
L 23, SDP 3, C 24, Lab 7. L gained 9 from C, 1 from Lab and 5 from Ind; SDP gained 2 from C and 1 from Lab.
C lose overall control

SUFFOLK (C)
C 50, Lab 23, L 3, Ind 4. Boundary changes.
No change.

SURREY (C)
C 52, SDP 3, L 9, Lab 7, Ind 5. L gained 5 from C; SDP gained 2 from C and 1 from Lab; Ind gained 2 from C; Lab gained 1 from C; C gained 1 from SDP.
No change.

WARWICKSHIRE (None)
C 26, Lab 24, L 7, SDP 3, Ratepayer 1, Ind 1. C gained 1 from Ind and 2 from Lab; Lab gained 1 from C; L gained 4 from C; SDP gained 2 from Lab and 1 from C; Ind gained 1 from C.
No change.

WEST GLAMORGAN (Lab)
Lab 54, C 7, Ind 4, L 3, SDP 2. SDP gained 2 from C; L gained 2 from Lab and 1 from C; Lab gained 1 from Ind.
No change.

WEST SUSSEX (C)
C 46, L 13, Lab 8, SDP 4. Boundary changes.
No change.

WILTSHIRE (C)
C 30, Lab 17, L 17, SDP 8, Ind 2, R 1. Boundary changes.
C lose overall control.

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Appeals made to Reagan and Kohl to cancel cemetery visit

Jews enter Bitburg row with march on Dachau

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

Jewish groups yesterday protested against President Reagan's planned visit to a German war cemetery and said that they would boycott a commemoration service at the former Belsen concentration camp tomorrow.

In Munich, the director of the American Jewish Congress, Mr Henry Siegmann, led a demonstration to the site where some 4,000 concentration camp inmates were executed, and where the two leaders of the White Rose student resistance group, Hans and Sophia Scholl, are buried. Demonstrations were staged also at the former Dachau concentration camp.

Addressing the several hundred protesters — including German anti-fascists, American Jews, the American writer, Mrs Betty Friedan, and the black comedian, Mr Dick Gregory, Mr Siegmann called on President Reagan and Chancellor Helmut Kohl to cancel their visit to the Bitburg cemetery where 49 members of the Waffen-SS are among the 2,000 soldiers buried.

"Neither principles nor the truth compel you to go there," Mr Siegmann said. The Bitburg symbol was a lie, he added, because it meant that President Reagan and Dr Kohl were *fudging history in their* attempt to seal friendship and reconciliation.

At a meeting in Frankfurt yesterday, the West German Jewish Central Council — representing the 30,000 Jews here — decided to boycott the Belsen ceremony despite an invitation to attend. The Federation of German Gipsies has no plans to attend.

"We regret the political muddle over the Bitburg visit, but there was time enough to correct the mistake," Mr Heinz Galinski, the chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community, said.

Some 50 US Jews, led by Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York, began a vigil outside the Belsen concentration camp, and vowed to disrupt the Belsen and the Bitburg visits.

The protests against Bitburg were fuelled further yesterday by the Bavarian gathering of some 300 veterans of Hitler's elite Waffen-SS to mark the 40th anniversary of Hitler's defeat.

The Bavarian government, while distancing itself from the meeting which will continue during the weekend, yesterday rejected an appeal by the opposition Social Democrats to ban the Nazi rallies in the Alpine village of Nesselwang.

Responding to SPD fears of a "mass punch-up" at Nesselwang that would bring home to the world the "incredible provocation" of the Nazi reunions, the Government sayd yesterday that it had no indication of trouble. Those attending the meeting were not necessarily "endorsing National Socialist ideology or Nazi crimes."

The Bonn Parliament last week dismissed a Green Party motion calling on the Government to ban the SS veterans reunion.

Alex Brummer adds from Washington: The American public could be forgiven for believing that President Reagan's primary purpose in Europe was to conduct his own personal investigation of Nazi war crimes, judging from the tone of the media reports reaching here from Bonn.

The economic summit has sunk without trace beneath the morass of Bitburg. There can hardly be an American who does not know that Mr Reagan is guest in a castle once occupied by Adolf Hitler's godson or has failed to grasp the complex history of the Waffen-SS and its role in a series of massacres across the continent.

The New York Times and the Washington Post have devoted more than a page to discussion of aspects of the Bitburg visit.

At each juncture of the trip, a new Nazi-related controversy has surfaced in the media here. Yesterday, there were several running in tandem aside from the main diplomatic row over whether Mr Reagan "regretted" the collective guilt of Germans for the Nazi horrors.

Among the new issues was a discussion of whether Mr Fritz Gasper, chairman of the Bitburg rural district council and a former member of the Waffen SS 12th Panzer Division, be offered a handshake with the President on Sunday. Anger has also emerged over the use in Germany of the expression "selection of the dead" in discussion of the Bitburg graves.

One commentator, Flora Lewis, writing from Bonn, noted that the German word for selection is "auswahl." But in the phrase currently being used in Germany the word "selektion" has appeared: this was the phrase apparently used at Auschwitz to separate those among the Jews who were to live (because they could work) or those who would die immediately.

LEFTWING extremists yesterday bombed two firms in Cologne and Koblenz which supply the West German army, our Correspondent writes from Bonn. There was considerable damage, but no one was injured. Red Army Faction terrorists are suspected.

Police in West Berlin said that an explosion early yesterday of a car belonging to a US army sergeant was caused by a technical defect in the petrol tank and was not the work of terrorists as initially suspected.

Summit support act turns Bonn into a city state

From Derek Brown in Bonn

EVERYTHING about the Bonn summit is colossal: the buildings, the number of people roaming around them, the security and the fibs from the government spokesmen. It is not so much an event as a great sprawling city within a small town in Germany.

Ten thousand police garrison the city. There is a navy too: five smart launches on the Rhine are home and office for hundreds of American reporters. Air power is a fleet of helicopters to ferry the world's seven most powerful democratic leaders. They may not yet represent the whole world, but at least they have pushed the frontiers of the "city state" out to wedding-cake castles in the countryside, where there are glittering meals and receptions.

A brigade of officials representing the seven leaders, keep watch on the clockwork organisation, platoons of catering staff produce prodigious quantities of food and drink, and irregular units of telephonists and typists.

Constantly roaming over the half square mile of this city, are 3,900 reporters and their auxiliaries: camera crews roped together, still photographers who are never still, fixers and producers. All are intent on mission impossible—finding out what is going on.

Some are sufficiently lucky or persistent to get a place in the small pools of journalists permitted close access to the summiteers, or else the foreign and finance ministers. They produce sparkling accounts of these intimate moments for the struggling masses left behind.

Between the mighty and the masses, there lies a cordon of official spokesmen, who hold briefings all day and far into the night.

Their duty is to pass on to the world beyond the city walls accurate accounts of diplomatic triumphs by their particular employers, and to scotch any suggestions that those employers could do more for the world economy.

Therefore, the Japanese politely squash any suggestion that their Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone has come under pressure to correct the trade imbalance. The French explain patiently that the Germans may take an entirely different position on trade talks, but are really sympathetic to the Paris view.

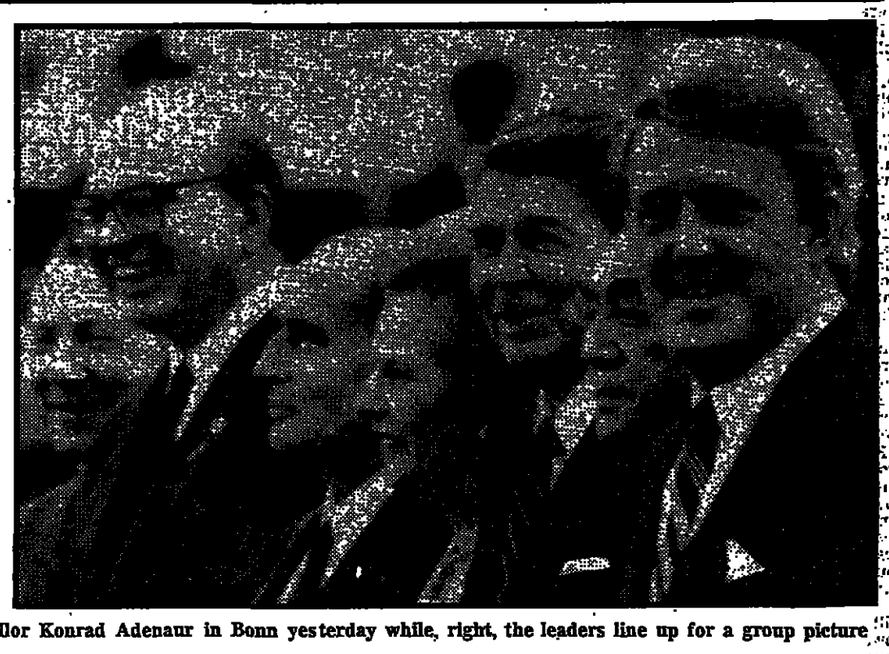
The American briefings are the most popular and the most folksy. Mr Larry Speakes, the eponymous presidential spokesman, says of the Reagan plans to lobby recalcitrant Senators by telephone: "We'll just let his fingers do the walking..."

Mr Speakes is relaxed. Mr Richard Burt, the Assistant Secretary of State for Europe who prefers to be known as Senior Administration Source, is, by contrast, extremely edgy. He got so irritated by journalists giggling at his straight account of presidential conversations, that he flounced out of the briefing.

For the most part though they are a jolly affair. None more so than when hosted by Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's faithful and pugnacious newshound. His tour de force this week was an account of how a casual remark by Mrs Thatcher, inquiring of President Reagan how the First Lady was getting on with her very own conference on drug abuse, sparked off a splendid debate and an important resolution to launch an international campaign against the menace.

It was, Mr Ingham said, an entirely spontaneous remork. In other words, how brilliant of the Prime Minister to spot an area of undoubted agreement.





SUMMIT SECURITY: Armed policemen stand next to a sculpture of former Chancellor Konrad Adenaur in Bonn yesterday while, right, the leaders line up for a group picture

Auschwitz survivor tells why he is on hunger strike

From Ian Black in Jerusalem.

OF ALL the protests against President Reagan's visit to the Bitburg military cemetery tomorrow, few can convey the enduring horror of the Nazi holocaust so starkly as the one undertaken by Mr Ya'acov Weinberger, a Czech-born Jew who survived Auschwitz.

Mr Weinberger, a 58-year-old retired bank clerk, who lives at Nahariya, is on hunger strike until the American presidential visit is over. He began his protest on Thursday with a vigil by the memorial to those Jews whose corpses were believed to have been processed into soap by the Nazis, although there are now doubts about whether this ever really happened.

Mr Weinberger, then aged 17, arrived at Auschwitz in 1944 and was the sole survivor of a family of six. When he came to Israel in 1950, he brought with him two bars of soap stamped with the initials RJF representing the Yiddish words for Pure Jewish Fat.

Many other survivors did the same. "Some people", he said yesterday, "still sleep with it. It's a nightmare that has no end. I want to tell the world that we just can't come to terms with such horrors.

"It wasn't enough for the Germans to kill the Jews; they had to make soap out of them as well. I think there will be apologies after Reagan's visit to a graveyarr where Nazi murderers are buried.

"But I am not angry with him. I just think he was misled by his advisers."

Several years ago, Mr Weinberger and others came togeather and interred their bars of soap in the municipal cemetery at Nahariya. Every year, on Jewish day of mourning, a rabbi leads the survivors in the traditional *kaddish* prayer for the dead over the stone monument.

Mr Weinberger, and many other survivors of the Holocaust, remember that the soap was produced in large quantities and distributed to the inmates of the Nazi camps. A Polish writer alleged several years ago that it had been processed from corpses in a special factory near Poznan.

But Professor Israel Gutman, himself a survivor of the death camps, and one of the world's leading experts on the history of the Holocaust, says there is no hard evidence for the story, although there is no doubt that the Nazis did make mattresses from human hair and lampshades from human skin.

"We are very cautious about this because today there are those who seek to deny that the Holocaust every took place. There were rumours among the survivors about the human soap; but it turned out there was no firm basis for this.

"However, the fact that there were such rumours is part of that terrible period. We know that the Germans made tremendous efforts to keep what they were doing secret.

"You have to understand that these people have nothing to connect them with their loved ones: no graves, nothing. The soap provides a symbol for people to believe in.

"Once I told some friends of mine — also survivors — who believed in it, that there was no historical proof. They were furious and accused me of trying to deny the horror of what had happened."

Poles expel two US diplomats

Warsaw: Poland last night ordered the expulsion of two US diplomats it accused of leading an illegal anti-government demonstration on May Day.

The US chargé d'affaires in Warsaw, Mr John Davis, was called to the Foreign Ministry and told the Americans would have seven days to leave the country.

At the same time, thousands of demonstrators chanting "There is no freedom without Solidarity" marched in Warsaw's Old Town following a Roman Catholic mass marking the anniversary of Poland's 1791 democratic constitution.

The estimated 6,000 demonstrators were surrounded on a street several hundred yards from the church by police in riot gear who beat their clubs against their shields and demanded through loudspeakers that the marchers disperse.

Hundreds of riot police standing in columns backed by at least seven water cannons blocked off both ends to the street to prevent the march from continuing, and the protesters began to disperse.

The Polish news agency, PAP, said the Polish Government rejected as "false and groundless" US charges that the diplomats were physically mistreated by police when they were detained during the march.

"The position of the US authorities trying to justify the clear abuse of diplomatic immunity" by the two diplomats "is proof that the US Government in its attitude toward Poland does not intend to depart from its policy of political repression, threats, economic restrictions, interference in *internal affairs of our country*, and hindering the process of stabilisation," PAP said.

It is the second time in three months that Poland has expelled American diplomats. In February, it ordered out a US military attaché on allegations of espionage. The United States retaliated in that case by expelling the Polish military attaché in Washington.

Poland has begun an anti-American campaign in the state-run media since Wednesday's incident that included allegations on Polish television that the two diplomats were CIA agents acting on orders from Washington.

The Deputy Premier, Mr Miecyslaw Rakowski, in a commentary published in all main newspapers yesterday, said the presence of the diplomats at the march was part of an orchestrated US effort to bolster the government's domestic opponents. — AP.

Ministers besieged

From Alex Scott in Luxembourg

Five thousand angry farmers besieged a meeting of EEC farm ministers with smoke bombs and fireworks here yesterday to protest about delays in fixing farm prices for the next 12 months.

While ministers battled to agree on a new set of compromise proposals, riot police *fought with the farmers* outside.

Four police were hurt as the farmers, firing fireworks, broke through crowd barriers. Police with dogs were brought in to push back protestors.

For several hours, fireworks and smoke bombs were fired at the EEC headquarters using a rocket launcher made of a steel tube, and several windows were smashed.

The European Commission, facing growing stocks of unwanted food, is keen to curb farm spending. It has proposed cuts of 3.6 per cent in cereal prices and as much as 6 per cent on some fruit and vegetables, but farmers want an increase of at least 4.3 per cent to keep up with cost of living rises.

Prices should have been settled by the beginning of April, but ministers have failed to agree on a series of compromises put forward by Italy, the council president.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Maize cuts threatened

SOUTH Africa's farmers yesterday resolved to withhold supplies of maize from silos for a week to persuade the Government to raise prices. *Patrick Laurence writes from Johannesburg*

Maize is the stable diet of South Africa's 24 million blacks and shortages may aggravate the already tense situation in the black townships. The resolution came after the National Maize Producers' Organisation failed to convince President P.W. Botha to sanction a price increase

UK flag burns

ARGENTINE nationalists burned British and US flags outside a British bank in Buenos Aires yesterday to mark the third anniversary of the sinking of the General Belgrano. The anniversary was also marked by the Argentine navy, which lost 300 men in the war. — Reuter.

Taxman loses

A Swedish court case against Europe's first artificial heart recipient, a 52-year-old businessman, Mr Leif Stenberg, has been dropped because of his condition, a Stockholm prosecutor said yesterday. Mr Stenberg, who faced tax evasion charges, was fitted with a plastic and metal heart last month.—Reuter.

To bedouin

A MUCH-blessed bedouin, Sheikh Mohammed Abu-Sqaikh Mohammed Abu-Zadan, is blase about the birth of his youngest son. "You don't get excited any more," he said yesterday in Tel Aviv of his 44th child. Two of his other three wives are expecting. — Reuter.



Plaudit winner

THE FRENCH President, Mr Francois Mitterrand (above) may have improved his image after a relaxed performance in a light-hearted television chat show last weekend, said an opinion poll yesterday in the daily newspaper, Le Quotidien de Paris. Of the viewers polled, 77 per cent liked the President's performance, which many described as amusing, modern, and comprehensible.—Reuter.

Flu screen

A US researcher, Dr Milton Alter, said yesterday in Dallas that children who recover from measles, influenza, hepatitis, and other infections early in life may also be receiving protection against multiple sclerosis. His findings are based on a comparison of infection rates from more than 30 countries between 1950 and 1984. — Reuter.

Korea settles

THE family of a US postal worker who died with 268 other people when a Soviet jet fighter shot down a Korean Air Lines plane will receive $100,000 from the airline in a court settlement, a lawyer said yesterday in New Brunswick. The settlement is among the first reached in more than 100 suits filed against the carrier.—AP.

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Traffic police in the western Japanese city of Kobe line up to check their pistols as efforts are increased to contain gangland violence. Twelve gangsters have been killed and 17 wounded since Ichiwakai gang members gunned down the Yamaguchi syndicate's boss, Massahisa Takenaka

Suicide novelist film 'censored' by festival

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

THE ORGANISERS of a film festival here have angrily rejected charges that they bowed to threats from rightwing extremists and rejected a new film about the ultranationalist Japanese novelist, Yukio Mishima, one of the most disturbing figures in the country's recent history.

The Warner Brothers' film, Mishima, which is at the centre of a growing controversy, does not appear among the 133 films from 40 countries on a festival programme made available yesterday. Warners accuse the Japanese of "pre-censorship."

A world protest campaign, launched by the makers — including director Francis Ford Coppola — is likely to reach its peak when the film gets its premiere at Cannes in the middle of the month.

It was predictable that the American-Japanese co-production, so far only seen by a handful of people, should run into trouble. Shot in Japan, using Japanese actors and with Japanese dialogue, it is about a man whose spirit still haunts Japan 15 years after he disembowelled himself when he failed to spark an army uprising.

His suicide by the traditional Seppuku was a stunningly gory protest that earned him international fame and "canonisation" by the extreme right whose theories he represented.

These guardians of Mishima's memory made threats of violence throughout the shooting of the film. His widow, the copyright holder, who claims that the film treatment violates a contract she signed with the producers, also opposed its shooting.

The row has cast shadows over the Tokyo International Film Festival (Tiff), which starts on May 31.

The Japanese co-producer, Mataichiro Yamamoto, says the festival's organising committee told him that the film would incite protests from the extreme right, and so would have to be dropped. He says he resigned from the festival, wich he had helped to plan, in protest.

The film's American producer, Tom Luddy, has written to the International Federation of the Association of Film Producers in Paris, which gave its seal of approval to the festival, to complain that Mishima had been selected in December, but was later rejected "due to pressures on the festival by the extreme right wing in Tokyo."

The embarrassment caused at the festival—which is partly financed by Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry—was compounded by his open letter to the executive committee of Tiff, deploring its decision "to refuse to view or consider for showing a major new American-Japanese co-production, Paul Schrader's Mishima."

The letter, signed by dozens of film makers and writers, including Louis Malle, Sidney Lumet, and Norman Mailer, said that a film festival which effectively engages in pre-censorship or rejects a film that might be controversial violates the "very essence of a festival's mission."

The organisers of the festival yesterday summoned selected foreign journalists to complain that the attacks were unjust. Masakazu Mizuno, secretary of Tiff, said they would never bow to threats of violence from the extreme right, even if there were any such treats, which he said were simply a "misconception."

According to Shiro Sasaki, a producer helping at the festival, the makers of Mishima had not formally submitted the film and failed to send a print as promised. So apparently almost no one here, including the widow, knows exactly what is in the film that is causing so much fuss.

Heralded as an important cultural event, aimed at improving Japan's image as an economic monster — hence the trade ministry's sponsorship — the country's first big film festival is in danger of becoming better known for alleged "pre-censorship."

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UN official will ask what really happened at Ibnet

Questions for Mengistu on hunger camp

Addis Ababa: The UN Secretary-General, Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, has instructed his deputy here to ask the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, about the fate of 56,000 famine victims evicted from the refugee centre at Ibnet.

A meeting with Col Mengistu on the issue was expected to be held on Monday, the UN assistant secretary-general for refugees, Mr Kurt Jansson, said. Mr Perez de Cuellar appointed Mr Jansson last November to coordinate famine relief efforts.

Mr Jansson, a Finn, said he believed the three-day eviction operation this week at Ibnet was not government policy and that he would seek clarification of it directly from Col Mengistu. He will also fly to the area.

Authorities have already denied that force was used to remove the famine victims, and said evacuation of the camp was necessary to prevent epidemics and to get peasant farmers back to their lands to take advantage of recent rains.

Britain, Italy, and the United States have offered to provide assistance for 52,000 of the camp residents reportedly trekking to their home villages on foot. Another 4,000 were evacuated by helicopter and about 5,000 were allowed to remain at Ibnet, said Father Jack Finnucance, a Roman Catholic priest who saw the evacuation.

Meanwhile, more details of the Ibnet operation have surfaced which are at variance with the official account. They describe brutal tactics said to have been employed by troops and local officials.

At least two people were beaten to death by soldiers when they refused to leave the camp, others were burned when their grass huts were set ablaze, and a pregnant woman miscarried when she fled from pursuing troops, said international relief agency officials who saw the incidents.

The relief officials said they feared many famine victims might die during the march to their villages. Some face 14-day treks to the Tigre and Wollo regions, said Father Finnucane, of the Irish charity, Concern.

Mr Jansson said Britain had offered aircraft to drop food along the route to lessen the risk of starvation, but added: "Before we respond to offers of assistance, we must identify the problems and needs, if any, of these people."—AP.

FREAK floods in the Ogaden desert of south-east Ethiopia have made thousands of people homeless and threaten to ruin settlement projects, an Ethiopian relief official said yesterday. He said the towns of Gode and Kelafo were flooded when the Wabe Shebelle river burst its banks. Helicopters were used to rescue 1,900 people from a camp at Korahe, some 425 miles south-east of Addis Ababa. There were no reports of deaths. — Reuter.

Expulsion begins

LAGOS: Nigera, launching its second mass expulsion of illegal immigrants since 1983, opened its border yesterday to let out an estimated 700,000 aliens, Lagos Radio said. The illegals, mostly from neighbouring West African states, were to be driven to the borders in interior ministry vehicles, or allowed to buy airline tickets with Nigerian currency. Ordinarily foreigners must pay in foreign currency. The expulsion deadline is May 10. Nigeria, rich in oil, attracted millions of migrant workers during the boom in oil prices, bu began deporting them when prices slumped. In January, 1983, it expelled about two million illegal residents in a chaotic land, sea, and air operation.

This time, the Nigerian military government appeared to be trying to smooth the passage. The permanent secretary of the Interior Ministry, Mr Alhaji Saidu Barde, met envoys of 11 West African countries on Thursday to discuss the exodus. He said that his ministry's offices would be open round the clock to enable aliens to obtain residence permits, or to arrange their departure.

Deportees would be able to get permission from the ministry to buy air tickets with Naira, he said, but the Government forbade them to take Nigerian currency or essential commodities out of the country.

Nigeria is a signatory to the Economic Community of West African States Treaty on freedom of movement. —AP.

Treason trial bail

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

Sixteen South African anti-apartheid campaigners facing high treason charges were granted bail by a Supreme Court judge in Pietermaritzburg yesterday.

The 16, who could face the death penalty if convicted, were arrested last year amid growing racial unrest throughout the country.

Their lawyers had said the men could face up to two years in gaol unless they were given bail even if they were acquitted in a trial due to start on May 20.

Meanwhile, an attempt by South Africa's winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Bishop Desmond Tutu of Johannesburg, to end strife between feuding black movements has met a setback.

Neither the United Democratic Front (UDF), nor the rival extra-parliamentary movement, the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), attended peace talks in Soweto called by Bishop Tutu, who is a patron of the UDF and the largely Azapo-sponsored National Forum.

Tension between these two ideologically divergent movements has led to clashes and a war of words between their followers in recent weeks.

At the mass funeral last month of the 20 blacks, who were killed by police gunfire at Langa, Azapo accused the UDF of hijacking the funeral, of deliberately not reading out a message of solidarity from its president, and of forcefully excluding its members from the service.

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Sandinistas could be driven closer to Russia, Howe says

Allies refuse to back US sanctions on Nicaragua

From Chris Huhne and Derek Brown in Bonn

Western allies refused yesterday to back the US trade freeze against Nicaragua and said it risked driving the country into still closer links with the Soviet Union and Cuba.

None of the six allied foreign ministers attending the economic summit here supported the trade embargo imposed by President Reagan on Wednesday, senior diplomats reported.

The US ban was criticised at the summit as counter-productive.

The West German Foreign Minister, Mr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, pointedly dissociated European countries from the US embargo. "We have made clear that we don't regard economic measures as an instrument of policy," he told a news conference.

The failure of the Americans to win support for their action followed a suggestion from the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, on Thursday that the sanctions would be more effective if other countries joined in.

Last night, Mr Shultz acknowledged that the US had been snubbed by its allies on the sanctions "the Europeans don't believe in economic sanctions, so they are critical, or at least they don't go along with us on this," he said.

British sources said that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, had told the meeting that sanctions might lead to a situation where Nicaragua was more dependent on the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Several other European leaders expressed reservations about the embargo in talks on Central America. Japan also said that economic cooperation with Latin America would help stability.

However, the differences between the US and its allies were papered over.

It was stressed on both sides that Mr Shultz had not asked for formal support for the trade embargo and that trade betweeen the EEC, Japan and Nicaragua, was too insignificant for an embargo to make much difference to the effectiveness of sanctions.

A SHIPMENT of Iranian arms and ammunition has arrived at the North Korean port of Hungnam and is awaiting delivery to Nicaragua, US officials said yesterday. The shipment is reported to contain more than 9,000 Soviet-made AK-47 rifles, "several million rounds of ammunition," rocket-propelled grenades, and landmines, the officials said. Much of the weaponry is believed to have been captured by Iran in its war with Iraq.—AP.

Democrats change heart on rebel aid

From Mark Tran in Washington

The Democrats want to resurrect President Reagan's request for $14 million in aid for the Nicaraguan rebels a week after the plan was rejected by Congress, in a change of heart largely due to the Moscow visit by the Nicaraguan leader, Mr Daniel Ortega.

Some Democrats regard the trip, made two days after the House of Representatives vote, as a personal rebuke to Congress. Mr Ortega was promised economic aid during the visit.

The Democratic chairman of the House select intelligence committee, Mr Lee Hamilton, has been asked by the Speaker of the House, Mr Tip O'Neill, to consider legislation supporting the Administration's aid request. This could go to Congress next week.

The likely approach is to amend pending bills which would allow the money to go to the "contras," but under tight restrictions.

The White House changed its oroginal request for military aid to aid such as lorries, communications equipment, and uniforms. But the Democrats balk at any form of military aid and want to ensure the money is spent on food, clothing, housing, and medical supplies.

President Reagan's decision to impose economic sanctions on Nicaragua is having repercussions on his South African policy. Democrats who have grudgingly approved the move say it will strengthen the hand of people pressing for economic sanctions against Pretoria.

The House moved a step nearer to sanctions when its foreign affairs committee approved legislation banning computer sales and all new loans to and investment in South Africa.

The inconsistency in the Administration's approach to Nicaragua and South Africa, where its opposes economic sanctions, was stressed during the debate. "If total sanctions are justified against Nicaragua," Mr Stephen Solarz argued, "can we really say that *partial sanctions* — sanctions that would leave undisturbed the overwhelming majority of our bilateral trade — are not justified against South Africa?"

The Administration's response is to call for a case by case approach, claiming that conditions in South Africa are improving while those in Nicaragua are getting worse.

Jobless total steady in US

Washington: Unemployment remained at 7.3 per cent in April, the US Government said yesterday, with the pool of unemployed Americans steady at 8.4 million.

It was the first time in a year that the rate was unchanged for three consecutive months.

The high-technology sector was especially hard hit, with large job losses in electrical and electronic equipment manufacturing. Employment in that sector has now fallen to the level of last summer, about 2.3 million.—AP.

Monkey business...

Cape Canaveral: The space-travelling menagerie aboard the shuttle, Challenger, continued to cause problems yesterday, as equipment malfunctioned due to clouds of food crumbs and animal waste.

Two projects had to be cancelled and the mission commander reported that one of the two monkeys had taken a turn for the worse. The second was enjoying his flight.

The pair of squirrel monkeys and two dozen white rats on board are the subject of experiments to help understand the malady of "space adaptation syndrome," the so-called space sickness.

Reagan faces new snub by Senate

From Alex Brummer in Washington

Senate Republicans yesterday continued their assault on the White House-Senate budget compromise, by restoring some of the cuts agreed in health care benefits.

In a statement issued in Bonn, Mr Reagan described an earlier decision of the Senate to hold defence spending at 1985 levels, with an upward adjustment for inflation, as "an irresponsible act." The White House and Senate Republicans had originally agreed to a 3 per cent rise in the military budget above inflation.

Since Mr Reagan left for Europe, the compromise budget has completely unravelled. In its 51-48 vote, the Senate in effect ended the long run of successes on Pentagon spending which President Reagan has enjoyed since he won office. He has received almost everything new weapons system he has demanded. Yesterday 12 Republicans crossed the floor to join the Democrats in the vote for more defence cuts with eight conservative southern Democrats voting with the Republicans.

The vote to cut defence spending came after the Republican-controlled Senate had voted to restore a reduction in pension increases to retired people. The Senate, with an eye on the mid-term elections in 1986, clearly believes that cuts in the Pentagon budget will be more pleasing to voters than the proposed cuts in pensions and health care benefits included in the compromise package worked out last month.

The overall aim of the White House and the Senate is to trim $50 billion from the deficit this year and have the string of $200 billion of budget deficits over the next three years. By holding defence spending at present levels plus inflation, the Senate clearly has a better chance of eventually reaching agreement with the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives, which has taken similar steps.

Ontario's Tory dynasty collapses

From Clyde Sanger in Ottawa

The Conservative dynasty that has ruled Ontario for nearly 42 years crumbled on Thursday.

Most observers predicted that it would slip into the position of a minority government, but it slid much further—to the brink of defeat. It now holds 52 seats against 48 won by the Liberals and 25 by the New Democrats.

Indeed, the Liberals under a vigorous new leader, Mr David Peterson, attracted about 22,000 more votes than the Conservatives, and gained 20 seats. Eight ministers were defeated, and the Liberals even took the seat which a former Premier, Mr William Davis, held until this year with a 15,000-vote margin.

The New Democrats, who campaigned strongly on the issues of the environment and equal pay for women, gained three seats.

Tories immediately began blaming their poor performance on the controversy that blew up during the campaign for the public funding of Roman Catholic high schools.

It sees clear, however, that the lacklustre campaign of Mr Frank Miller, who succeeded Mr Davis in January, was more of a factor. A rightwing small-town businessman, Mr Miller has little appeal to the younger voters in big cities or to new immigrants.

It is probably only a matter of months before the Liberals take power under Mr Peterson, who greeted his near-victory by saying: "This is truly a magic moment. It proves there is a sunrise in Ontario."

This breezy lawyer-businessman with an actress wife, effectively wooed the younger urban generation with promises to allow grocery stores to sell beer and spirits.

Mr Miller said yesterday, "last night all the rules changed" and indicated that he would revise the coming provincial budget to avoid a vote of no confidence.

However, the New Democrat leader, Mr Bob Rae, may well combine with the Liberals to bring the rightwing Government down, and then announce he will support a Liberal administration. The alternative would be another quick election.

Lieutenant-General of Ontario, Mr John Aird, who may have to decide on whether another election is called, is in an awkward position. He is a former Liberal Senator and the lesson of 1926, when Lord Byng, the Governor General, refused Mackenzie King's request to dissolve the Federal Parliament, is often recalled.



● *William Davis: even his old seat was lost*

Presidents' man dies

From our Correspondent in Washington

MR MILTON Eisenhower, adviser to six presidents including his brother, Dwight, and a respected academic, has died in hospital in Baltimore at the age of 85. He had been in hospital in recent months with a number of ailments.

He was variously a troubleshooter for President Roosevelt, helped President Truman reorganise the Agriculture Department, negotiated with Fidel Castro for President Kennedy, served President Johnson as head of a commission on violence, and chaired study groups for President Nixon.

His brother's closest adviser, he was said to be mainly responsible for President Eisenhower's warnings at the end of his term about the dangers of a military-industrial complex.

Because his views were regarded by some as Liberal, some old guard Republicans dubbed him "the leader of the New Deal Trojan Horse" in the Administration.

But President Eisenhower had almost unbounded admiration for Milton, the youngest of seven brothers.

The President once introduced him by saying: "He's a man of whom I've always been proud to say — my brother.

Milton Stover Eisenhower was born on September 15, 1899, in his family's rambling home in Abilene, Kansas.

Turkey pledges repeal of martial law by the end of next year

By John Torode

Martial law in Turkey will be abolished before the end of next year. That was the pledge given by the Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, to foreign MPs visiting Ankara to mark the 65th anniversary of the founding, by Ataturk, of the national assembly.

The delegation was there also to observe progress towards democratic rule since the military allowed a carefully controlled general election in November, 1983, and to raise questions of human rights and ill-treatment in prisons.

The President — the former military ruler, General Kenen Evren — later made it clear that his banning orders on the old political leaders purged in the 1979 coup, would remain in force. So will the outlawing of the two leading political parties of the 1970s and the main trade union movement.

Even so, if martial law does go, it will be a vindication of the harsh economic policies Mr Ozal's Motherland party has followed since the generals relaxed their grip in November, 1983 — and of the soldiers' desire for change.

Mr Ozal's party is an artificial and unstable amalgam of moderate politicians, non-political, free market economists and businessmen, plus religious fundamentalists and ex-members of the banned extreme right.

The Motherland party was founded specifically to fight the 1983 elections under military rulers which excluded the two former prime ministers, Mr Bulent Ecevit and Mr Suleyman Demirel, and their respective parties from the political process.

The Prime Minister told the delegation that his laisser faire economic reforms were "absolutely central" to the country's recovery and stressed his opposition to subsidies and price controls, his determination to open the economy to foreign investment and competition. He described his faith in a flexible exchange rate as "the key to recovery."

Mr Ozal claimed these tough policies had created "a much improved economy." There was no longer a balance of payments crises, he said. Exports, in dollar terms, had risen by 300 per cent. Inflation was still high but dropping.

Mr Ozal admitted that, as a result of slashing subsidies and price controls on such essentials as oil, wheat, bread, and fertilisers, inflation had jumped to 100 per cent. But it had fallen last year to 36 per cent and was now running at "only" 23 per cent.

Most independent economists would put the real rate of inflation far higher. But, even accepting official figures, there has been little drop in inflation since the military took over in 1979 and unemployment has soared. The gulf between rich and poor grows steadily.

Turkey's relentless "Thatcherite" economic experiment, unprecedented in a developing country, is taking a fearful toll of the poor, the economically vulnerable, and those who built business empires during the protectionist decades before Mr Ozal.

As a result, the legal and normally acquiescent Turk-Is trade union movement is stirring itself and planning anti-government demonstrations in the main cities. It is still not clear whether the army will permit them. The banned Marxist union movement, Disk, is said to be regaining the ground lost when the generals took power.

At the same time, elections to leading employers' associations show a drift away from Mr Ozal's supporters. For example, the newly elected chairman of the influential Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry won handsomely on a "wet" anti-Ozal ticket.



Troops patrol the streets of Ankara — but change is in the air

Israel digs border ditch

Tel Aviv: Israeli army engineers are digging a deep ditch along the Lebanese border to prevent suicide car-bombers from crashing into the border fence, military sources said yesterday.

They have also reinforced the border with spotlight and electronic warning fences. The ditches are part of a general reinforcement of the 53-mile long border. Other security measures include new watch-towers and floodlights, an increased Israeli guard, and an improved electronic warning system.

One source said there are more troops guarding the border than a year ago and that these include a higher percentage of professional troops instead of reservists.

Other military sources have said that Israel is spending a total of about £206 million on improved border security and on the withdrawal from Lebanon.

All but one of the crossings between Christian East Beirut and the mainly Muslim west were closed yesterday as snipers prevented most traffic from driving across the devastated city centre.

● *Three shiploads of Christian* refugees who fled the fighting in south Lebanon left for Beirut from the northern Israeli port of Haifa yesterday. Most of the refugees fled the Kharroub region north of Sidon last month when it was captured by Druze and Muslim fighters.

In an operation arranged by Israel and the Lebanese Forces Christian militia, they were brought under Israeli military protection by buses from Marjayoun and Jezzine in south Lebanon.—Reuter/AP.

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Next week's TV and radio

Monday

Hugh Masekela — The African Ambassador (BBC-2, 9.15). Seeing Kirk Douglas in a Bix Beiderbecke biopic was Masekela's inspiration to become a musician, a trumpet given to him by his school chaplain. Trevor Huddleston, the means. This Arena profile follows his career from a shebeen in a black coal-mining community in South Africa.

Tuesday

Mr Palfrey Of Westminster (ITV, 9.0). Alec McCowen returns in a new series as the doyen of the Whitehall spy-catchers, sparring with rival intelligence agencies, his own boss — a cross between Mrs Thatcher and Penelope Keith — and a Czech femme fatale.

Yanks Meet Reds (ITV, 10.30). If Mr Palfrey is a product of Cold War fiction, this enterprising First Tuesday film celebrates the few days of comradeship and shared hopes for peace in April 1945 when Russian and American troops linked for the first time on the Elbe. Four veterans from those encounters — one a Mansk school teacher, one a Los Angeles neuro-surgeon, the other two career soldiers — were tracked down and brought together for emotional reunions.

D-Day To erlin (BBC 1, 9.25). Home movie — in colour and unseen for 40 years — made by the Hollywood director George Stevens (Shane, Giant) while he was making an official documentary for Eisenhower. Montgomery and de Gaulle have walk-on parts, the discovery of Dachau and the carnage through the Ardennes are horrifyingly vivid, but it is the link-up on the Elbe and the jubilation of the Parisian crowds as they greet their liberators which make the film.

Wednesday

The Day We Won The War BBC 1, 9.25). Culmination of a day celebrating the 40th anniversary of VE-Day in which we can reminisce with breakfast television (both channels), join the service at Westminster Abbey (ITV, 11.10, BBC 1, 11.15), take in A. J. P. Taylor's account of how the second world war ended (C4, 8.0), march on Berlin with Charles Wheeler (BBC 2, 8.5).

Peter Ceresole's film concentrates on the victory revelries in London.

Thursday

The Bright Side (C4, 9.0). New Willis Hall sitcom, rather too soft-centred, about a young wife (Paula Wilcox) learning to cope when her husband — who looks the sort who'd own up to the police if he found sixpence in the street — is sent to open prison.

Friday

The Detective (BBC 1, 9.25). Thriller - with - a - message, firmly set in Thatcher's Britain. Tom Bell, quite as obsessive as he was in Out, plays a police chief so incorruptible he'd shop his own daughter, who accidentally unearths a government sex scandal.

Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story (BBC 1, 10.15). "I can't get over how funky this is," says Bernstein as he rehearses a recording of the musical he scored but had never before conducted. The trouble is when you hire opera singers — Kiri Te Kanawa and Jose Carreras in the leading roles — funk goes out of the window, excitement, youth and menace along with it. Officer Krupke would have few problems with this lot.

Helen Oldfield

Radio

Today: Three From Wales (Radio 4, 2 pm). Repeat of three prize-winning short plays from BBC Wales. The final one, A First Day, has memorable charm.

Trial By Headline (Radio 4, 3.30 pm). Celebrated crime reporter Percy Hoskins recalls his role in the trial of Dr John Bodkin Adams.

Tomorrow: Inside Information (Radio 4 VHF, 4.30 pm). Start of Paul Heiney's 10-part series on information technology, with visits to the places where data is stored.

The Thatcher Phenomenon (Radio 4, 7.30 pm). Start of a six-part series on Mrs T's influence on the life of Britain and the world; with Hugo Young reporting

Daughters And Sons (Radio 4, 9 pm). Start of a new six-part classic serial. Surprising that Ivy Compton-Burnett's novels have not featured here before:

Monday: Woman's Hours (Radio 4, 2 pm). Everyone on Woman's Hour is a star: this time it is the turn of the secretaries to shine.

The Wild Duck (Radio 4, 8.15 pm). New production of Ibsen's classic with Gary Bond and Clive Merrison.

Wednesday: The Way We Were (Radio 4, 3 pm). This programme celebrating VE-Day has the Queen talking about her memories of the day.

Thursday: The Birth Controllers (Radio 4, 7.40 pm). Men thought that the Pill would solve all the problems; women know better. Anna Ford asks why there are still no safe, pleasant and reliable methods of contraception.

Val Arnold-Forster

THE RED BOX file on the Rector's desk is stuffed with applications, though none from the creative supremos the Royal College of Art, in a cheeky bit of head-hunting, named in advertisements as the teaching talent it wants to attract. So no Terence Conran, Issey Miyake or John Schlesinger. But the RCA does have Jocelyn Stevens, who has created more upheaval in a few months than the institution has seen in its 150-year history.

The RCA is the flagship of art education in Britain: its 600 post-graduate students form an elite in fields from sculpture to industrial design. It is just starting to pull out of a period of uncertainty in which it got through three rectors in 11 years — one left saying the place was ungovernable — with staff and students confused about the relationship between the academic and the wider world of industry

Stevens, whose career in the media ended when he was sacked as managing director of Express Newspapers, was brought in last autumn as Rector. He is no intellectual, but has the flair and gulle of an administrator who rode the print unions. By the time his first year is up, he will have appointed nine new professors, reduced the standard post-graduate course from three years to two, and increased the annual student intake from 200 to 300.

These moves are part of a restructuring of the RCA, to align it more with industrial design and hi-tech, and away from fine arts. This in turn forms part of the larger debate about the future of art education in Britain. Changes at the Royal College will set the tone for what happens at scores of undergraduate colleges. However, the turmoil on Stevens' campus is the latest phase in what is really a very old argument, and a very British one.

The college was in fact founded as the School of Design by the then Board of Trade "to promote the export of British goods." Its department of painting and sculpture and print-making, though, gained ascendancy much later, but the conflict between fine arts and the vocational thrust of courses continues. It is at a particularly acute phase now, with the Government citing the recession and the need for industrial regeneration as reasons for design coming to the aid of manufacturing industries.

Stevens describes his inheritance: "There was concern that the college was becoming irrelevant to what was going on outside: it seemed to have little contact with first degree colleges, and not nearly enough contact with industry. And relations with the Government had become very bad indeed"—to the extent that the DES, which directly funds the RCA, was imposing an annual five per cent reduction in funds.



Jocelyn Stevens: Star Wars style — picture by Martin Argles

Jocelyn Stevens has brought the market philosophy to the Royal College of Art. He talks to John Cunningham

Designed to sell

During two dramatic months of cut and slash Stevens proposed changes to win the approval of the DES. These aroused hostility from some staff. Four faculties have been merged into three: design and communications each has 250 students; and fine arts has 100. Several departments have been axed—environmental meda, environmental design, design education, design research, and the school of film and television. But most of these appear in new forms in eight new schools

Stevens's incisive decisions stunned some staff: the demise of environmental media, for instance. An exhibition of 20 years' work with videos and slides was the first show Stevens opened officially. Work was displayed by 23 former students, 17 of whom had never been at the RCA. Stevens was appalled and decided on the chop. "The jury didn't even have to leave," he laughs.

The new Rector's reputation as a part of Judge Jeffreys who'd rather hang lecturers than paintings has been modified, but only a bit. The changes he has so far made have been comparatively easy to achieve. In assessing which departments should survive, he looked at the type of students they were attracting; then their job prospects on leaving. Weak departments are to be closed.

That isn't a very deep philosophy, indeed. It's hardly a philosophy at all, I suggested. "It's a market philosophy," Stevens replied. "I'm a horse for a course. It was appropriate action because the problem was so urgent." The DES had to be quickly convinced that reforms were on the way.

It may be that style and directness is all Stevens has to offer the RCA, but for the next five years — the period of his contract — that is what the institution most needs. Even so, it is not to everybody's taste. Student's president Maria McMahon says that while it's true he has cushioned the staff from the DES, students feel that his idea of advertising for new staff among the famous "is Star Wars style: the biggest, the best." She adds "People successful in their own fields seldom have the selflessness to teach well. Staff shouldn't be competing with students."

The same abrasive style has carried senate and council along with his decisions. But now, having expanded the faculties of design and communication, the residual debate is on the future of fine arts.

The hope is that the faculty will come up with new ideas — some departments already have: ceramics is moving closer to the building industry; so is glass; the school of sculpture. Stevens says he doesn't want to see fine arts shrink further, the rest of the college is tending to form a defensive perimeter round it. Among its allies are staff in the automotive design unit.

It's important that students of industrial design should be able to fraternise with those in painting, printmaking as well as jewellery and textile design, says Ken Greenley, tutor in the automotive unit. He can afford to offer solidarity, because his section, is destined to expand into a department of transport design.

Indeed, transport design is one of the shimmering success stories of the RCA; its collaboration with industry involves the commercial sponsorship of students, 90 per cent of whom have, over the years, found jobs in the auto industry. The number of places is being expanded from 18 to 28.

This sounds a paradigm for all departments. The rub is that at least half the students have to go abroad to get work. "This is a problem which isn't a reflection on the college. It's a British industry," says Stevens. "It's frightful that, at the last degree show, when the Permanent Secretary from the DES was here, every student he spoke to was going abroad."

It is a familiar tale in many fields of design: graduates in textiles getting twice as much money — and infinitely more respect, with decision-making thrown in — in Italy, Germany and Japan. Stevens is already chafing at British industrialists, just as he tells the academics in South Kensington that their system is ossifying. For there are two proving grounds at the RCA.

One is the exhibition space on the ground floor, where each departmental harvest of talent is shown — currently it is painting and graphics. The other is the senior common room. Though the college dates from the 1830s, its SCR came into its own only when its last famous rector, Sir Robin Darwin, seized on the creative energy of the Swinging Sixties and wined and dined industrialists and businessmen in a pseudo Oxbridge lair.

Both exhibiting and enticing are activities which need to go on, and Stevens is a stylish catalyst for continuing both. But the RCA will outlast him; and of course so will the muddle about what the institution is really for. Penny pinching governments will try to get their money's worth. But the test will be not only how many industrial designers get employment in Britain, but how many RCA artists and sculptors get a living here as well.

Hugh Hebert reviews The Haunted Heroes

Wounds of war

ALL THOSE hung councils, said television's equivalent of the milkman. "So there's bound to be a lot of politics now." And sure enough, there was Jo Grimmer on the couch, pale as Wilfred Owen's Doomed Youth and listening, no doubt, for the sound of bugles calling him from sad shires. And the Alliance, you seemed to gather, had swept the country and were in total control of the Isle of Wight.

Out in the backwoods something stirred. You could only hope it was nothing like what was stirring in the backwoods of the Olympic Peninsula, Seattle, USA, where there are thought to be about a thousand of the kind of men described in The Haunted Heroes (BBC-2).

They are some of the confused veterans of the Vietnam war, who came back to America, but never truly came home. Unable to cope, or even hope very much, they sought the one environment for which their experience had fitted them perfectly. They became semi-hermits, the new backwoodsmen, living a half-wild half-life, as though they are trying to rejoin the great American dream stream at some higher, cleaner point.

The four men we saw are not typical, maybe, they were all volunteers and therefore younger than the bulk of Americans who went to Indochina. Three were trained for the special forces, by a brutalising process caught in some old archive clips. When they came back, it was not to the ticker-tape parades of victorious warriors, but to the banners and taunts of protesters, to an America that seemed to turn its back on them out of a mutual shame.

They are dangerous men. One, woken suddenly by his mother soon after he returned, all but strangled her before he realised what he was doing. Another said he had killed a man in a bar room brawl. One lives alone with his dog and more guns than I could count, polished and gloated over. Another has lived for 16 years under a plastic lean-to. "When I got through training," said a third, "the only thing in my head was what they meant to be there: kill communists, over, and over, and over . . . I became extremely good at it."

So did they all, by their account. One told how he had collected ears from dead Vietcong in the days when the South Vietnam government gave its own mercenaries a bounty on the body count, and split the proceeds of this grisly currency deal.

There was no mistaking their sense of guilt, or most of its cause. And yet you felt there was something else in this extraordinary, thought provoking film, produced by Tony Salmon and Nadia Haggar. With men as disturbed as these have been and maybe still are, you can never be sure where truth and fantasy merge. And though we were offered evidence of their guilt, we were offered none about their heroism: except once, when Steve — half Cherokee Indian — gave us a hint of a deeper haemorrhage. "We had to leave wounded comrades. John Wayne, Audie Murphy — none of them ever left a wounded comrade." The mythology of heroism and its reality suddenly collided head on in that one sentence.

The street of sham

Michael Billington reviews Pravda at the National

FLEET STREET offers a broad target: and Pravda, the new comedy by Howard Brenton and David Hare at the Olivier, scores a few bullseyes as well as several outers. It is neither a work-play like Wesker's The Journalists nor a debate on press freedoms like Stoppard's Night and Day. Instead it is a boisterous, swingeing, sometimes crude satire on the degradation of newspapers by overweening tycoons and the mayhem of mercantile capitalism; and it harks back to the same authors' Brassneck and even further to Jonsonian comedy of humours.

Its main theme is the rapacious absorption of chunks of the British press by a tough South African entrepreneur, Lambert Le Roux. Starting with a Leicester daily, he eats his way into Fleet Street via a tit-and-bum tabloid (The Tide) before devouring the ailing, upmarket Daily Victory and installing a bright young protege as editor.

At first he is more omnivorous businessman than power-mad Citizen Kane. But when his appointee threatens to run a piece on plutonium leaks hushed up by the Ministry of Defence, Le Roux savagely exercises his proprietorial rights and sacks his award-winning editor. From then he degenerates into a beleaguered fanatic, practising the Japanese art of Toyinka in his Weybridge home, but always one step ahead of his enemies and a living embodiment of bare-toothed capitalism.

The play, as broad as it's long, is described in the Methuen edition as a "comedy of excess"; and that seems, if anything an understatement. But Brenton and Hare, with a good deal of bilious wit, pick off a number of targets. The willing surrender of newspaper trustees to rogue elephants like de Roux. The treatment of newspapers as a mere commodity alongside sports-centres, hotels and restaurants (they might have added cable television). The topsy-turvy world of the Lobby system whereby "the only way you can have the confidence of Ministers is to have the confidence never to repeat what Ministers say." The glib shucksteriesm of the bingo-parlour end of Fleet Street. They even touch on the failure of papers to respect confidential sources.



Anthony Hopkins as Le Roux

Brenton and Hare write with abundant comic zest; and they make numerous telling points such as the hypocrisy of newspapers which celebrate the free-market economy complaining when they fall victim to it. But although many scenes have an exuberant cartoon-like quality (not least that in which Le Roux descends on the Victory office like a Springbok Caligula and fires at random effete hacks with names like Cliveden Whicker-Baskett), the play as it progresses runs into a central problem.

Le Roux himself is, on the one hand, a monster unleashed by Thatcherite capitalism. But he is also a man of iron certainty striding like a Colossus through what he calls "the great melancholy of business." He enlists a dangerous sympathy purely because he is the only character on stage possessed of a vision; and one feels that Brenton and Hare, having unleashed this spider from the bottle, cannot entirely control him. Like Richard III, he takes over the play; and one finds oneself waiting impatiently for his every entrance.

This is partly because he is superbly embodied by Anthony Hopkins. He utters every sentence with precise Afrikaans over-articulation as if the rest of the world are idiots. He thrusts his big bull-like head forward as though constantly braced to charge. He smiles with malign satisfaction at the reduction of newspapers to global formulae.

David Hare's production, staged on a wide V-shaped Hayden Griffin set that achieves swift transitions from Frankfurt sports-hall to Fleet Street office, offers a number of other performances that have the sharp outline of lightning sketches. Basil Henson as a Latin-quoting elitist editor, Peter Blythe as a biddable Tory smoothie, Ron Pember as a suicide-prone survivor of the great Beaverbrook massacre of 1952 are very funny;

Unlike vintage satire, the play doesn't really possess a moral positive: it is hard to deduce from the evidence what kind of Fleet Street the authors ideally envisage of our current sickness.

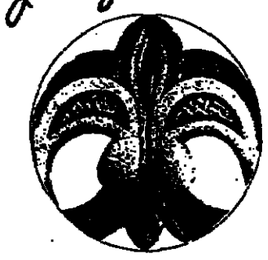
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10,000 Maniacs

GUITARS? America's got 'em. The sound of the chiming 12-string, the firmly drummed acoustic, the dust-blown bottleneck—these have become the icons of the renaissance in American rock; an emphatic backlash against the emotional aridity of British synthi-pop.

It is almost inevitable that almost all of the new American groups should evoke varying sensations of deja vu. If the Long Ryders are "the new Byrds," then 10,000 Maniacs could be the new Jefferson Airplane? Blondie? Association? Fairport Convention even?

Elements of all surface in their music, suggesting they are not yet developed enough to have found a distinctive voice of their own, but at least flexible enough to still be experimenting.

A six-piece from the outer suburbs of New York, the Maniacs essay blithe spirits and melodic niceties—a refined variation of power-pop—in a beguiling mesh of guitars, electric organ and the warm timbre of singer Natalie Merchant.

The overall tone is distinctly collegiate, embodied in the persona of Natalie Merchant, who reminds you of Ali McGraw in that she looks like the kindo of girl who probably likes Bach and the Beatles. She is a curiously compelling performer: she folds her arms, puts her hands on her hips, tosses a mane of hair and addresses the audience with an air of earnest confidentiality. She is probably saying something interesting, but the sound is muggy, and her enunciation defiantly obscure.

If they have a fault it is a tendency to take each song at the same medium tempo.

With more courage, and a heightening of the performance's light and shade, 10,000 Maniacs seem assured of finding their own niche of musicianly, intelligent pop music. The youths clustering eagerly around Natalie Merchant suggests she already has a following all her own.

COLCHESTER

Jill Burrows

Hiawatha

THERE's something about the opening of Longfellow's epic that is reminiscent, even in its metre, of Gower's prologue to the magical mystery tour of Pericles. Having been made to sit comfortably and wide-eyed while those picaresque wonders unfolded, I had high hopes that Michael Bogdanov's version of Hiawatha might produce the same effect.

Sadly the narrative is simply not strong enough and Hiawatha himself, for all his rock-breaking, thunder-bolt hurling, talking-to-the-animals cosmis powers, isn't the charismatic super-hero to launch us into the world of archytype where story-telling becomes powerful as well as entertaining.

Hiawatha may arrive and depart like a once and future king, but the challenges of trial and quest are too easily overcome to generate the renewal of understanding we take from eloquently-retold myth.

This is not to say that Jeremy Howe's Mercury production is ever less than enjoyable. The show is staged in the round in an auditorium that does its best to resist such treatment but reaps the rewards of intimacy and immediacy. Much pleasure lies in seeing at close hand major effects achieved by simple means. Wooden poles do duty as wigwams, trees, mountains and rivers; a few yards of white fabric make the assault on Mudjckeewis, the west wind, a daring and hopeless feat, and it's truly amazing what can be done with a few hulahoops.

The chief joy, though, is in the athletic and musical skills of the company. The same energetic commitment is brought to the drumming and chanting as to the impressive acrobatics. These things can be enjoyed in their own right but they cannot disguise the hollowness of a tale that fails to live up to its mythic promise.

CARDIFF

David Adams

Crystal Clear

THERE is a very real problem to be faced in a truly naturalistic version of Phil Young's human story of blindness and love such as Matthew Willetts' for the Arena Company in the Sherman Theatre. The crucial moment is fairly early on when the blind girl undresses her sighted lover and fondles him. To be honest to what the play is about and how it's done, that scene demands an extraordinary intimacy of the sort we may be used to on the screen, but not live on stage.

At that moment naturalism fails simply because we as an audience are no longer sharing real conversations and situations but, because of the novelty of that natural, moving sexual career enacted, are forced into being outsiders, voyeurs who immediately start wondering all sorts of things that have nothing to do with the play or characters but relate purely to the actors and their feelings.

Integrity insists that these moments of intimacy—and there's another later in the play—are not presented coyly or erotically, nor ignored; the reality of theatre performance means that what is intended as pure naturalism has the opposite effect, making the audience realise that they are watching actors pretending.

Such loss of faith can destroy a production and it's to the credit of John Taggart's performance that we are brought back into the play even though the relationship cannot be the same. His portrayal of the diabetic who befriends an attractive blind woman and then becomes blind himself, more than hints at the complexity of the character's personality. In fact, in many ways, this young and mostly inexperienced company manage reasonably well with material that is very difficult even for seasoned performers.

Nevertheless whereas all three in the cast had commitment, they were not all convincing all of the time. That, and the challenge to our acceptance of the situation, ultimately makes it difficult to tell whether there's anything very new in the play.

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ROBERTS: *Gripped by spiritual energy*

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

THE Wild Girl is a beautiful and haunting book which has been slow to catch cassocks in a wringer. This week, however, the Attorney-General obliged by announcing that he would consider prosecuting it for blasphemy. Purporting to be the fifth gospel according to Mary Magdalene, it tells how the eternal whore enters a sexual relationship with Jesus and eventually bears his daughter.

Sir Michael Havers was responding to a bellow of rage from Tory MP, Sir Peter Mills, who is campaigning to stop next week's paperback publication.

Its central theme, however, is that the female revelation has been discarded by Christianity. Having been accepted as one of the disciples, Mary is elbowed out by Simon Peter and sets up a desert commune with her sister and Jesus's mother, Mary. From then on, she was the Bible's whore.

It is no coincidence that the multitude sometimes resembles the throng at Greenham Common, where some women have expressed their belief in a Goddess. The book's author, the feminist writer and poet Michele Roberts, was gripped by the spiritual energy she found at the base on day visits which culminated in the "Embrace The Base" demonstration in 1983.

"It reminded me of the Walls of Jericho. Women walking round and round was like telling a rosary."

The images that impressed her were not quite those the press was reporting — women as powerful, angry, and sexual. (She concedes that the mud and rain was not conducive to women expressing their sexuality.) She stumbled upon a translation of the Gnostic texts, where Mary Magdalene is revealed as a prophet and seer beloved of Jesus.

"I wrote the book to exorcise my own Catholic past and to work out why I could no longer be a Christian, why it had failed me and women crucially," she said. "It's not a message many Christians are going to want to hear.

"I don't see it as an act of revenge but of reparation. It's saying 'Please listen.' I do think Christianity has exiled women. The other side of it are many women who are ardent Catholics but who are sold short."

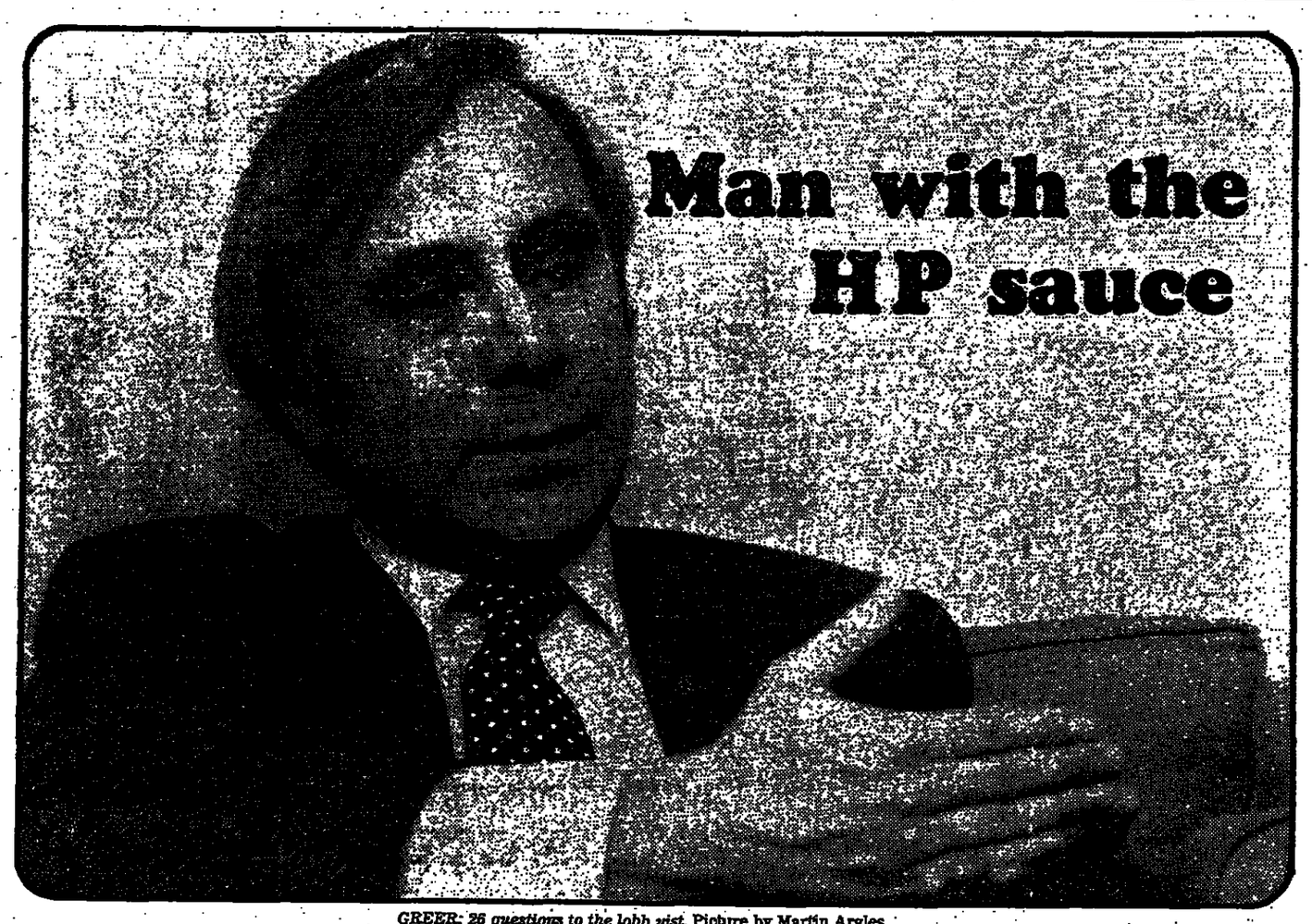
The book was acclaimed when it came out in hardback last year. One reviewer commented accurately that she had transformed feminist cliche into something alive and moving. The Church remained unmoved and silent. She plans to send a copy of the paperback, published next week, to the Bishop of Durham for a reaction.

"I am at a point in my life where I am trying to love men as part of my feminism," she said. "But I retain all the passionate love of women that I have ever had."

She is working on two new books. One she is keeping secret. "The other is on aspects of gender and the imagination."

The Wild Girl is published on Wednesday by Methuen, £7.95.

Man with the HP sauce



GREER: 26 questions to the lobbyist. Picture by Martin Argles

THE DAY of the political lobbyist may be at hand in Britain. These are not journalists intent on pouring large quantities of liquid down MPs' throats, but professional consultants anxious to make the honourable members swallow their clients' honeyed line. Supplies of amber nectar do sometimes accompany this ingestion.

Westminster has only 20 lobbyists compared with Washington's 10,000. But the spate of legislation emanating from Parliament and Brussels is catching firms and industries wrong-footed, increasing the demand for experts to provide an early warning system and pre-emptive influence.

At least, so claims Ian Greer, who wants Parliament to set up a register of lobbyists. This would serve the dual purpose of granting them the access they are now officially denied, and drive off public relations companies who are giving the profession a bad name.

In 1969 Greer launched one of the first political consultancies in Britain, now one of the country's biggest with a staff of 12 and such loaded clients as British Airways and the Midland Bank. The London headquarters of Ian Greer Associates are handily sited in Buckingham Place, a few minutes' walk from Parliament.

"We have a Division bell which makes life easier if we have Ministers in," he said, offering a demure cup of tea.

He has set down his credo in a book, Right To Be Heard, published this week. To be fair, it is a guide to political representation and parliamentary procedure which informs the bewildered supplicant before leading him to the irresistible conclusion that it is wiser to hire a professional.

In fact the book represents a serious failure of Greer's persuasive powers. He lobbied five publishers unsuccessfully before deciding to publish it himself. Uniquely, the usual publicity bumph is supplemented by 26 suggested questions which he compiled himself for anyone wishing to interview him.

This seemed to impute a connection between journalistic intelligence and the number of letters in the alphabet, but they were searching questions so I asked number 20.

How much does it cost to run a successful campaign? Anything from £5,000 to £100,000, he replied. They were selling time and expertise, keeping an eye on Hansard was relatively simple, whereas reporting to Lord King on Stansted and the fifth terminal was clearly another row of beans. Any word on the Laker settlement? "No one's told me," he said.

He admits that Britain was not ready for him in 1969. "If you went to, say, the chairman of Imperial Tobacco in those days he relied 99 per cent on the old boy network. he read the FT parliamentary column and he could claim he shot with X, Y and Z — if anything was going wrong he would know. It wasn't until the early 1970s that business woke up to the fact that even with a Tory government, things could go wrong."

Nine years ago he linked up with an American political consultancy. The average US senator, he learned, had a budget of $1 million and a staff of at least 40 — presumably to beat off the swarm of lobbyists. He found certain aspects of this repugnant, notably the expectation that lobbyists should make contributions to political action funds. But he commends the openness of the US system to Britain, and thinks MPs poorly serviced.

He claims that most MPs welcome the serious lobbyist: they need well-presented briefs. Do they need baksheesh too? "It's hooey. There's so much suggested in the press. It does annoy me slightly. So you entertain MPs to lunch. The thought that MPs are so easily bribed with a couple of gin and tonics and a lamb cutlet is ridiculous."

Won't vested interests eventually undermine the MPs duty to defend minority groups? "It's wrong to pretend it isn't an advantage to have professional advice. But if small companies come together as a team they can make a tremendous impact on a campaign if they have a good case."

He cited the unforeseen consequence of the Bill to crack the Post Office monopoly, which placed private air couriers beyond the pale. Their campaign, guided by Greer's company, won an important amendment.

He likes to recruit from the Civil Service. "I think it's unique to this company. They are young chaps who by and large have contacts in the Civil Service and have a jolly good grounding in how the system works."

I said that seemed jolly improper, smacking of insider dealing. For a second he resembled Sir Humphrey Appleby. "They all signed the Official Secrets Act," he said. "There is no way I would ask them or they would be tempted to divulge anything. To have someone working for you who's worked in the department of trade and industry is sometimes the best way as long as you recognise the rules by which they are bound."

So will we follow America, where generals walk out of the Pentagon straight into defence consultancies? "I suppose it could go that way," he conceded. "My chaps are all very young."

He has serious moral qualms. "For instance, we have had approaches from South Africa. I find apartheid morally indefensible. We have also been approached by interests representing the fur trade. We have said there's no way we would want to represent those interests."

Greer spent 13 years in the Conservative Party, mostly as a political agent. His first assignment was Willesden East. "That was an amazing constituency of 20,000 Irish Roman Catholics, 20,000 Jews and 20,000 Hottentots," he said.

I hastened him on to Question 24 before we got too deeply into bongo-bongo land.

Right To Be Heard is published by Ian Greer Associates, £10.95.

Sharp twin lens reflex



MORE: *The French have a word for it.* Picture by Martin Argles

FOR years Carey More (27) seemed inseparable from her twin sister Camilla. They were alike but not technically identical. Nor were they ugly. Their father was the writer and lyricist Julian More (Expresso Bongo, Irma La Douce) and their mother was in advertising.

It thus came to pass that at the age of six months they were photographed by Norman Parkinson for a Lux ad. They grew, nourished by the occasional warmth of flash bulbs, into beautiful young women. They were "discovered" by a hairdresser who managed them into glossy pages.

Travelling on distant assignments Carey, who had studied photography at nightschool, strove to capture the shifting landscape. In the Bahamas she fell for a fisherman and stayed for six months. In London she studied under a fashion photographer who said her skill was in the land. In Los Angeles she appeared in TV commercials and took mugshots of actors.

In 1981 she went to stay at her parents' farmhouse in Province. The area's changes of light played in her mind. She went to work with her Nikon and her father supplied the words. The result is their enchanting book Views From A French Farmhouse (published this week by Pavilion Books, £12.95.

Blood was thicker than developing fluid, however. She and Camilla appeared in Friday the 13th, a horror flick in which they were mercifully killed (the sequels live on). They recently starred in Le Jumeau (The Twin) directed by Yves Robert.

"We got the roles out of 60 twins because we spoke French," she said.

She has just completed a portfolio of pictures for another book, Views From The Hollywood Hills. Isn't she tripping over a growing horde of actress-photographers led by Candice Bergen.

"I certainly don't follow in anyone's footsteps," she said. "The photography came before the acting. I have been taking pictures since I was 14. To me, photography is a way of life."

Curiously, that's exactly what Cartier-Bresson said.



SUTHERLAND: World-wheelie. Picture by E. Hamilton West

Biker beats Jag

IT WAS Monday and the coffee tasted like clinker. The telephone rang. "Hello. I'm Louise Sutherland from New Zealand. I've cycled across the Amazon. Everyone told me I was crazy. I'm told you're the *man to see.*" That was how Louise rode into my life.

Louise has been cycling for 36 years. Lebanon, India, Iceland, Peru, you name it, she's hooped it. Never had a cent to her name.

Her family didn't like her taking off like that. Or shipping her back penniless from some hellhole. Made her settle down at nursing, the trade that had kept her on the move. But soon she was on the road to Hong Kong for a year's voluntary nursing.

She was the eldest of five girls. "The other four are normal. One oddball out of five isn't so unusual." Why does she do it? "I like travelling." It figures.

In 1973 she bucketed down from the Andes to a little hospital in Peru. Stayed 18 months before hepatitis got her. The family paid up again. Reversing this pattern, she raised $20,000, to provide the hospital with medical facilities and a jetboat.

Then she decided to take on the Amazon. She rode from Belem in the east to the far west, using a 1,100-mile section of the Transamazonica Highway. She was told that if the wild animals didn't get her, the Indians would. She did meet a jaguar — "I fell off my bike and it ran away."

The worst bit was mud. Miles of it. "I cursed my bike, I screamed and waited until the sun came out and dried it up." It took her three months. She went on the fund-raising trail again. Wrote and published a book about her ride. Lectured in California. Cataracts in both eyes slowed her down, but not for long.

On Tuesday she flies to Sao Paulo to present a mobile clinic to the Rondon Foundation. A VW chassis with a medical cab, its crew ofthree willvisit Indian and farming communities around Humaita in western Brazil.

"Next year I will be an OAP. Then I'll be free. I can save up a little pension. It would be fun to spend my 60th birthday in the middle of the Silk Road."

Hell of a woman, that Louise.

The Impossible Ride, £5, can be obtained from 25 Compton Terrace, London N1.

A doctor writes . . .

THE mission of Robin Cook, MD, is to communicate the sorry state of American medicine. Noting that even doctors were turning a blind eye to the problem, he decided to couch his parables as thrillers. That's how he became king of the doc-schock novel.

His latest, mindbend, is maintaining its position in the US bestseller lists, and his earlier Fever will shortly be filmed in Canada.

All his medical novels have two things in common: a one-word title (Coma, Godplayer, Brain) and a medical message. His technique is to weave it into a suspenseful, mildly sexual, occasionally gory story.

Coma dealt with the harvesting of human organs from comatose patients. Godplayer examined medicine's failure to police itself and Fever probed misapplied cancer research. In Mindbend, pharmaceutical firms seduce and then drug doctors into prescribing their products.

Within a few years, he told the Washington Post recently, doctors will be working for huge hospitals with no freedom to practise the kind of medicine they were trained for.

"Don't forget, once a doctor leaves his training programme he never is told that he is doing wrong unless it is a monumental screw-up. In fact, their patients tell them they 're doing a wonderful job. One thing they're not really well informed about is drugs."

Born in New York 45 years ago, Cook went to Wesleyan University in Connecticut and studied chemistry, physics and maths.

During the holidays he worked as an assistant to Jacques Cousteau and elected to serve in the Navy when he was drafted in the late 1960s. He wrote his first novel, Year of the Intern, "under water."

He has not practised medicine for some time. Technically he is on leave from a Massachusetts medical centre, but since he will be co-producing Fever, his patients may have a long wait.

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY: Maynard Ferguson, jazz trumpeter, 57; Audrey Hepburn, actress, 56; Esmond Knight, actor, 79; Muhammad Hosni Mubarak, president, Egypt, 57; Liz Robertson, actress, singer, 31; Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, conductor, 54; Terry Scott, comedian, actor, 58; Eric Sykes, comedian, writer, 62; John Watson, racing driver, 39; Tammy Wynette, country and western singer, 43.

TOMORROW: Dr Hugh Jolly, paediatrician, 67; Michael Palin, actor, 42; Roger Rees, actor, 41; Sir Gordon Richards, jockey turned trainer, 81; Giani Zail Singh, president, India, 69;

MONDAY: Joanna Dunham, actress, 49; Allessandra Ferri, ballet dancer, 22; Stewart Granger, actor, 72; Freddy Randall, trumpeter, bandleader, 64; Alan Ross, author, editor, London Magazine, 63; John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, 56; Orson Welles, actor, director, 70.



WELLES: 70 this week

TUESDAY: Scobie Breasley, jockey turned trainer, 71; Lord Briggs, historian, provost, Worcester College, Oxford, 64; Valentine Dyall, actor, 77; Robin Hanbury-Tenison, explorer, author 49; David Hatch, controller, Radio 4, 46; Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, novelist, 58; David Leach, potter, 74; Tony O'Reilly, former Ireland and Lions' wing, 49; 41; Elizabeth Söderström, operatic soprano, 58; David Tomlinson, actor, 68; Sir Huw Wheldon, broadcaster, former managing director, BBCTV, 69.

WEDNESDAY: David Attenborough, naturalist, broadcaster, 59; Peter Benchley, author, 45; Jack Charlton, footballer turned manager, 50; Maurice Cranston, professor of political science, LSE, 65;

THURSDAY: Alan Bennett, playwright, 51; Candice Bergen, actress, 39; Cyril Bowles, Bishop of Derby, 69; Terry Downes, former world middleweight boxing champion, 49; Arthur English, comedian, actor, 66; Albert Finney, actor, 49; Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor, 71; Pancho Gonzalez, tennis player, 57; Glenda Jackson, actress, 49; Billy Joel, balladeer, 36; Geraldine McEwan, actress, 53;

FRIDAY: Richard Adams, civil servant turned author, 65; Fred Astaire, dancer, 86; Monica Dickens, author, 70; Donovan, pop folk singer, 39; Professor Alan Gemmell, biologist, 72; Maureen Lipman, actress, 39; Denis Thatcher, the Boss's man, 70.

People is written by Stuart Wavell

Manchester Guardian 1945

MAY 5: A German surrender mission, headed by General Admiral von Freidelberg, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, signed the articles of unconditional surrender for the German land, sea, and air forces facing the Canadian First Army and the British Second Army last evening.

The signing took place in a weather-beaten camp set up especially for the ceremony. This surrender is the first of a series that must come if the Dönitz government continues its refusal to capitulate unconditionally to the Soviet government as well as to the Western Allies.

In the words of Field Marshal Montgomery, as he walked to the tent where the official signing took place and grimly commented to the reporters, "This is the moment...."

When "Monty" entered the tent the Germans snapped to attention like puppets. He sat down and swept out his hand, in indication for the Nazis to do the same. He put on his spectacles, took up his papers, and said, "I will now read out the terms of the surrender."

The Germans sat like statues, not a flicker of any kind of emotion on their faces. Solemnly, but with a note of triumph in his voice, "Monty" read the terms of surrender. You could tell that this was the moment for which he had been waiting in El Alamein and Tunis and in Italy, and it was worth it. And then, one by one, the Germans signed.

They did not say a word or betray a single emotion. It was strictly a Prussian ceremony for the Germans. Then the Field Marshal took up the wooden pen with a steel nib. "And now," he said, "I will sign on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, General Eisenhower."

The whole ceremony took about five minutes, and a million Germans had surrendered....

General Eisenhower tonight (May 4, S.H.A.E.F., Paris) issued a statement which said:

German forces on the Western Front have disintegrated. Today what is left of two German armies surrendered to a single American division — the 102nd, commanded by Major General Frank A. Keating.

In the north the remaining forces in north-western Germany, Holland, Denmark and the Frisian Islands surrendered to Field Marshal Montgomery.

In the south Allied troops from General Devers's command and from Italy have joined. On the Czech border a Panzer division gave up unconditionally to General Bradley's forces.

They know they are beaten. Any further losses will be due either to their own stupidity or that of the German government. On land, sea and in the air the Germans are thoroughly whipped and their only recourse is to surrender.

MAY 9: Buckingham Palace and Whitehall were the centres of the great V.E.-Day demonstrations here (London) to-day (May 8). The Royal Family made several appearances on the balcony of the Palace and on one occasion were accompanied by Mr Churchill.

The Prime Minister twice appeared on the balcony of the Ministry of Health and addressed a large crowd in Whitehall. On his second appearance, made just after 10.30 p.m. when the Houses of Parliament were floodlit, he conducted the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory." Then, after referring to the celebrations, he said:

"We must begin the task of re-building our hearths and homes and do our utmost to make the country a land in which all have a chance and in which all have a duty, and there we must turn ourselves to fulfil our duty to our own countrymen, to our gallant allies the United States, who were so foully and treacherously attacked by Japan. We will go hand in hand with them, and even if it is a hard struggle we shall not be the ones who will fail.



MONTGOMERY: This is the moment

"This is not the victory of a party or of any class or large section in the country: it is a victory of the great British nation as a whole.

"We were the first to draw the sword against tyranny. After a while we were left alone against the most tremendous military power that has been seen. We were all alone for a whole year.

"There we stood alone. Did anybody want to give in?" The crowd roared back a terrific "No."

"Were we downhearted?" asked the Premier.

"No," came back the answer.

Mr Churchill: "The lights went out ---." There was a great burst of laughter at this, because the floodlighting of the balcony from which he was speaking had been turned off shortly before his appearance.

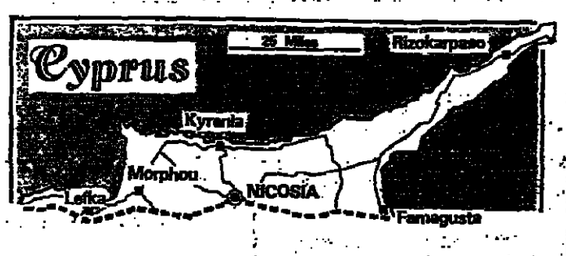
"And the bombs came down. But every man, woman and child had no thought of quitting the struggle.

"I say that in the long years to come not only the people of this island but of the world, wherever the bird of freedom chirps in human hearts, will look back to what we have done and they will say 'Do not despair. Do not yield to violence and tyranny, march straight forward and die — if need be — unconquered.'

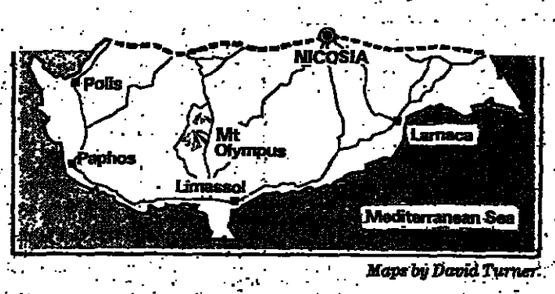
"Now we have emerged from one deadly struggle — a terrible foe has been cast on the ground and awaits our judgment and mercy. But there is another foe who occupies large portions of the British Empire, a foe stained with cruelty and greed — the Japanese. They would give us much worse than that," added the Premier.



North: the abbey of Bellapais. (Picture by Jane Last.)



Southern Cyprus recorded 736,000 tourist arrivals last year, including 210,000 from Britain, a record increase of 25 per cent, and 108,000 from Lebanon. But the northern side of the island is visited by just 5,000 Britons. Robert Cockburn reports from the south on the enduring attractions of Cypriot life, while Jane Last finds that the north has reverted to the condition known to Lawrence Durrell 30 years ago



Maps by David Turner.



South: folk dancing near Paphos. (Picture by Kenneth Saunders.)

The shifts of time across a fractured isle



THE SOUTH: New roads and hotels, the Lebanon factor and some old imperial echoes

SOMEWHERE between the British, Arabs, Scandinavians, Greeks and Turks, Cyprus exists in a happy and prosperous identity crisis. Sometimes you must remind yourself it's not a Greek holiday island, a Surrey garrison town, a UN military depot, nor some high rise Arab suburb, but the beautiful and independent Republic of Cyprus, albeit fractured. The others are real enough, on an island of foreigners gathered over the centuries for various and not always honourable motives. The finest have their presence preserved in a wealth of archaeological remains. The others have their soldiers banned by polite notices from nightclubs in Larnaca and Limassol.

The communities may be insular, even rude about one another, but they share one thing in common as tourism booms again. A decade ago Southern Cyprus was isolated by the Turkish invasion from the main holiday centres of Kyrenia and Famagusta. Helped by the demise of Lebanon, Cyprus is the new place to work and play in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Government now plans to halt the addition of holiday beds, to stem the flow of visitors. Officials note with pride that even emigre Cypriots are coming home.

"We left Cyprus in 1948 to find a better way of life in London," Chris Loizou and his wife Lefki recall, in the Andes Bar just off the Larnaca seafront. It is run by their sons Andreas and Dinos, who last year left Mrs Thatcher's Finchley because both had been made redundant.

Patrons include Dubliner Brian Flynn, a songwriter temporarily obliged to do cabaret, who asks Andreas in a shy whisper for the Greek words to Never On A Sunday. Then an American male nurse, who has spent the past 18 months setting up a marriage of convenience for Lucy in Soviet Armenia, arrives back from Moscow with a silver fox fur hat on a steamy day for his girlfriend Amy. It is a packed meeting place that offers the music and atmosphere unavailable in the local discos and overpriced bazouki clubs.

"Nothing wrong with bazouki if you don't mind paying £50 for a bottle of Scotch," says Andreas, who is approaching the Government for a grant to open a "cultural centre" to put on live music plays and exhibitions. He just might get it because it is becoming evident that something more than 40,000 holiday beds, discos and bazouki clubs are needed for the "upper income" tourists Cyprus seeks.

Ayia Napa is the most popular resort, with new hotels and apartments built around a charming old fishing village 25 miles east of Larnaca. It's the perfect package of beach life, water sports, fishing trips and nearby monasteries to visit. The older resorts are west of Larnaca; on a coast road that skirts the Great Salt Lake — which evaporates in summer to a dazzling white plain. In winter it floods, becoming a bird sanctuary for such visitors as pink and white flamingos.

Most Southern destinations are within a day's drive, so hire cars make sense, especially from local agents which tend to be cheaper than those booked with package holidays: Cheaper and more fun than coach tours are the shared service taxis, which usually turn out to be grand Mereedes limousines, used by locals like buses.

There is a newly built highway to Limassol that cuts through parched hilly countryside, orchards and olive groves, and runs beneath monasteries stuck on impossible mountain peaks.

Like Larnaca, Limassol really grew as a modern port and resort after 1974. The city's old Turkish quarter still has craftsmen making furniture, leather goods, and fashioning steel in stifling backstreet forges. In a place where everyone is supposed to speak English, here at last were a couple who could not, running a restaurant which sold the best kebab lunch and beer of the week. It's the kind of place you have to find for yourself, like the extraordinary Pound-a-Night Hotel which for some bizarre reason has become a tourist attraction for a few.

Vivienne, on holiday from Devon, wanted to look inside, until two black African boys hanging half naked out of its decaying upper windows made her invitation official. It must have been a splendid building once, undecorated since colonial rule, seedy enough to suggest adventure. A dark staircase led up to a flat roof strewn with iron frame beds, black plastic rubbish bags, and a stack of peeling louvred shutters.

But the boys are really just two more refugees, sailors with a freighter that's gone to Trieste for three weeks, on which they got out of their native Ghana. They would love to stay because Cyprus is calm and unrestricted. But, for that, you need money, and lots of it, like the thousands of Lebanese seeking refuge. They, more than any group of visitors, are changing Cyprus, bringing wealth that has sent rents soaring, and murderous feuds that have created a local backlash.

Beyond old Larnaca is an ever-lengthening strip of luxury hotels. Anna Charilaou and her son Harris from Famagusta, make a living of sorts out of watersports on a public beach down there. There is tough competition for what little trade passes. "You must get attached to a big hotel to make money, like the Amathus Beach where the Arabs stay," said Anna. "We will try next year to find one."

On the way to Paphos lie the recently excavated remains of the ancient city of Curium, set high opon cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean and rich in mosaics. Overlooking Episkopi Bay is the villa of Eustolios and a vast open amphitheatre restored to seat 2,400, and used to stage Greek and Shakespearean dramas. In what appeared to be a combined British forces operation, Romeo and Juliet was produced on Midsummer's night.

Although no longer a colony, British influence remains. The road to Paphos runs through British Sovereign Land maintained for military bases, at the heart of which is a place known to homesick servicemen as Happy Valley. It could be a subtropical Home County, with lush green sports fields, smooth roads, neat semidees, British phone boxes and the unmistakable smell of Yorkshire pudding and Sunday lunch.

Back in Cyprus and the delightful port of Kato Paphos, with its ancient walled harbour and quayside restaurants, you can watch the fishing boats and charters come and go, and Israeli and Arab yachts bobbing up and down together. Close by is the House of Dionysus, a Roman villa where the island's most magnificent mosaics have been uncovered. There is the Temple of Kings and a Temple of Aphrodite in the vicinity. In 1984 the new Paphos international airport opened, and in the yellow afternoon haze you can see the outlines of tower cranes and building sites up the coast getting ready for the rush.

To guard against overdevelopment in the dramatic Troodos Mountains UNESCO experts have been called in to draw up a delicate master plan. But, now, you can put away the maps and take the rough mountain tracks that go over breathtaking peaks from one untouched village to the next, asking for directions, and receiving refreshments from one family after the other.

Robert Cockburn



THE NORTH: Here there are 23 bays and beaches to explore, most of them deserted

IT APPEARED that I was going somewhere, that didn't exist. My flight was direct, yet at Heathrow there was no mention of Ercan Airport on the destinations board. We were to touch down in Izmir, but not get off the plane. One could not, I had been told, go to the North of Cyprus.

It is a corner of earth touched by heaven say the brochures. But despite this relationship with the next world, in the eyes of this one it disappeared in the troubles of 1974. But we arrived all the same.

When Lawrence Durrell sat under the Tree of Idleness by the 13th-century abbey of Bellapais in the 50s and wrote *Bitter Lemons*, Cyprus was an agricultural island — changing but unscathed by package tours. In 1970 I found Bellapais heaving with visitors and the port of Kyrenia (Girne) below bustling with tourists and trinket shops.

Now it has slipped back in time. Gone are the hoards of holiday makers and the pop music. The shops sell Real Things, baby clothes and pan scrubs (but also made-to-measure snakeskin shoes!) Kyrenia now must be more akin to what Durrell knew 30 years ago — "the only port in Cyprus which, diminutive, cleanly coloured, beautiful, has some of the true Cycladean allure."

The northern coast stretches 135 miles parallel to the hazy Taurus mountains of southern Turkey 40 miles away. Here there are 23 bays and beaches to explore — most of them deserted. The land runs south another 70 miles to Famagusta. Through, out over 7,000 square miles of mountain, desert plain and coastland there are only 25 hotels.

Anthony gave Cyprus to Cleopatra as a gift, St Paul was thrashed here, Richard the Lion Heart conquered it and sold it to the Knights Templar. It is as rich in history as it is in beauty. Yet few tourists climb to the crusader castles perched high in the Kyrenia Mountains or tread the magnificent ruins of Salamis where Barnabas was martyred, visit the oldest cargo ship, (wrecked in 300 BC) and her cargo of perfectly preserved almonds and wine amphoras, or stand in the palace of Vouni, high above the sea facing Anatolia.

The Ancient Brits are still here of course, drinking gin and tonics or brandy sours in the bar of the Dome Hotel. The contrasts of Northern Cyprus seem at once exaggerated and old fashioned. It is unmistakably Eastern, yet the *muezzin* calls the faithful to prayer in Famagusta from a cathedral, a fine example of early 14th-century French Gothic, converted to a mosque by the addition of minarets 200 years later. English ladies still run jumble sales for charity, campaign to open a Cheshire Home, and do their shopping in the Turkish bazaar in Lefkosha (Nicosia). Our three pin 13 amp plugs are still in use and clapped-out Morris Minors trundle along on the left hand side of the roads, through groves of olives, mulberries, oranges and lemons.

The food, however, is pure Turkish Cypriot — meze, the traditional dishes of salads, cheeses, yoghurt, unending, followed by kebabs, fish or roasted meats. Afterwards there is fruit or specialities such as baby aubergines in syrup or walnuts stuffed with almonds and clove, preserved in sugar, while their shells were still green.

The season here is very long. I sat outside on the terrace of the Deniz Kiki Hotel, seven miles west of Kyrenia, bareshouldered, in October, drinking raki and eating grapes plucked from the vines above and small green bananas cut from the trees lining the path down to the sea.

Here a couple of ex-RAF officers run Dolphin Sailing who sit down on the beach each day to make their living teaching parasending (only £6.50), water ski-ing, windsurfing and sailing and operate activity holidays in conjunction with the hotel. The Deniz Kizi has been transformed from a war-damaged skeleton into a first-class hotel by Nijazi, once owner of a famous kebab house in Limassol.

Apart from the hotels (one to five star) there are villas, apartments and even camping. Ambelia Village consists of attractive chalets round a restaurant and pool perched above Bellapais in the foothills of the Kyrenia mountains a thousand feet above the sea. There are flats in a Turkish village house in Lapta, Sheherazade, a converted monastery where the architect Pearse Hubbard lived and Durrell dined by candlelight, complete with pool, Moorish terrace and an inner court of fountains.

Jane Last

Cyprus briefcase

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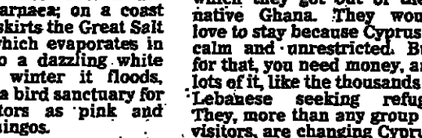
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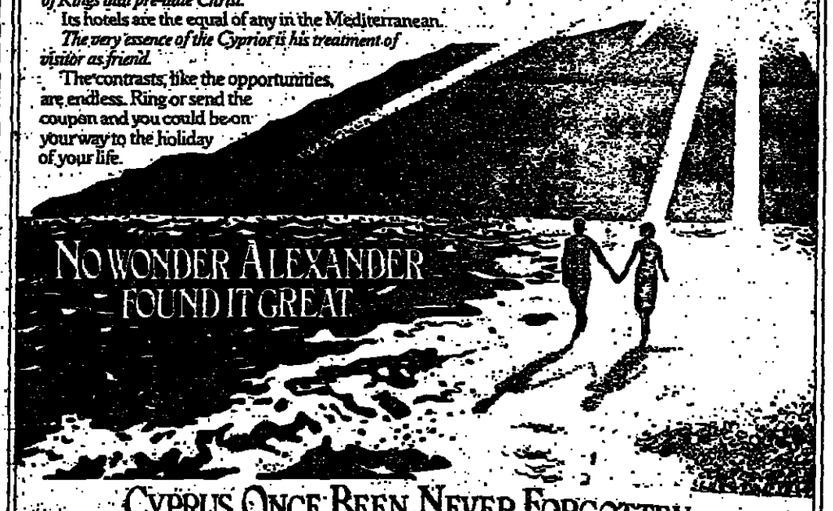
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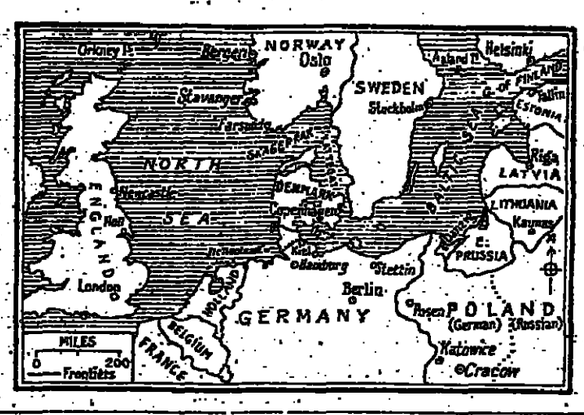
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CAPITULATION ON MONTGOMERY'S FRONT

Holland, Denmark, N.W. Germany

IN FORCE AT 8 a.m. TO-DAY



"This is a Battlefield Surrender"—S.H.A.E.F.

Field Marshal Montgomery has won his greatest triumph. He reported to General Eisenhower last night that all the German forces in North-west Germany, Holland, and Denmark have surrendered to the 21st Army Group.

The surrender will take effect at eight o'clock this morning.

Following is the text of last night's announcement from S.H.A.E.F.:—

Field Marshal Montgomery has reported to the Supreme Allied Commander that all enemy forces in Holland, North-west Germany, and Denmark, including Heligoland and the Frisian Islands, have surrendered to the 21st Army Group, to be effective at 08.00 hours British Double Summer Time to-morrow.

This is a battlefield surrender, involving the forces now facing the 21st Army Group on their northern and western flanks.

Over a million men are authoritatively stated to be involved in the surrender, making it the biggest of the war. It was signed on the German side by an admiral who succeeded Dönitz as Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy. Field Marshal Montgomery, it is learned, has not met Dönitz himself in the course of the negotiations.

The Germans attempted almost to the last to carry out their plan to "split" the Allies by offering to the British the surrender of their troops facing the Russians. This offer was resolutely refused by Field Marshal Montgomery.

The present surrender means in effect that the war in Europe is virtually over. There are now only two German-held "pockets" of any size—Western Czechoslovakia and Norway. The other pockets are Dresden and Breslau inside Germany, four ports on the French coast, the Channel Islands, Latvia, and a small group in East Prussia.

Reuter's correspondent at 21st Army Group Headquarters said last night that the inability of the German command on this front to control outlying units such as in Norway is believed to be the reason why the surrender is not wider in scope.

MILLION TROOPS INVOLVED

From David Woodward, "Manchester Guardian" War Correspondent

LÜNEBURG HEATH, MAY 4.

The German forces on land and sea, and in the air in Northern Germany, in Holland and Denmark, upwards of one million men, surrendered this afternoon to Field Marshal Montgomery.

When hostilities cease at eight to-morrow morning there will no longer be a foe in arms opposite the 21st Army Group, and though for technical reasons Norway and its German garrison has been left out of this arrangement, there is little doubt but that it too will speedily yield.

The instrument of surrender signed in a small tent on this windy heath just before 6.30 to-night provides "That the German Command agrees to surrender all the German forces in Holland, in North-west Germany, including the Frisian Islands and Heligoland, and all other islands in Schleswig-Holstein and in Denmark to the Commander-in-Chief, 21st Army Group. This to include all naval ships in this area. These forces to lay down their arms and surrender unconditionally."

The instrument then goes on to provide the time for the cessation of fire, states that violations of the terms will be dealt with by the Allied Powers in accordance with the law of war, and stipulates that the Allies may at a later date alter the agreement as they think fit.

SURRENDER BROADCAST

A recording of Field Marshal Montgomery's reading to the German representatives the terms of their surrender in Holland, Denmark, and North-west Germany was broadcast by the B.B.C. in the midnight news.

An abbreviated recording was heard in "War Report," after the 9 p.m. news. Then listeners waiting for the advertised talk "Between Tides" heard instead the first complete broadcast in history of a great surrender.

Field Marshal Montgomery said:

"We are assembled here to-day to accept the surrender terms which have been made with the delegation from the German Army. I will now read out the terms of that instrument of surrender." It included the surrender of all German naval ships in the area.

"The German Command to carry out at once and without argument or comment all further orders that will be issued by the Allied Powers on any subject."

The Field Marshal concluded: "That is the text of the instrument of surrender and the German delegation will now sign this paper and they will sign in order of seniority, and General Admiral von Friedeburg will sign first. . . ."

MOPPING-UP NOW THE ONLY TASK

Germany's Fear of War's Aftermath

From our Diplomatic Correspondent

LONDON, FRIDAY.

The surrender of all the German forces in North-west Germany, Holland, and Denmark consummates the defeat for which the German Arms Minister, Speer, prepared the German people last night

Over the whole face of Germany and of the Europe that Germany conquered there is now no more to be done than mopping and tidying up. The only remnants of the Wehrmacht that remain are in Norway, where the infection of surrender is spreading fast, in Bohemia, and Central Austria. There are isolated forces in Latvia and Eastern Prussia, at Breslau and at Dresden, but these may even now be engulfed in the sweep of defeat.

It may be that the Norwegian and Bohemian groups will stand a little longer, but even on this reckoning a clear-cut ending should not be impossible within a matter of days. It is to make the cut clear that is the problem now before the Allies, the welding of separate surrenders into one.

Dönitz, the leader without a people, whose only public contribution to his war since he made his exit to fight has been to appoint a new Foreign Minister and declare Prague an open town, is meeting so mysteriously that all reports about him conflict. Some say that he has gone to Norway, others that he is engaged in surrender talks. But he is not essential to the formalization of defeat. It is assumed that what remains of the German High Command will be in a position to accept unconditional surrender.

The task of restoring order in Germany will be a colossal one, a fact of which the Germans themselves are as much aware as the Allied Command, as much aware of the aftermath of which it was clearly the afterthought, with some dread, never was thinking, with some dread, when he gave the Germans their first instructions on how to behave as a vanquished nation.

The transport problem that has oppressed the liberated countries will be even more acute in Germany. But even greater than these material fears is the horror of reprisals and revenge amongst the population.

It may well be that anxiety to preserve as well as his own life the lives of many of the Nazis who may become the victims of the "long knife" prompted Himmler to attempt peace negotiations. It is not impossible that Dönitz's delay tactics have been a cover for an attempted getaway by some his old National Socialist colleagues.

NEW DANISH GOVERNMENT

A new Danish Government, including representatives of all parties and of the Danish Freedom Council, is to be formed, Ralundborg radio said last night.

The radio said: King Christian had asked the former Prime Minister, Wilhelm Buhl, to form the new Government. It added that Danish forces of the interior will take over responsibility for public order as from 8 a.m. to-day on the instructions of the Danish Freedom Council and the Command of the Danish Home Forces.

"HAW-HAW" FLED TO DENMARK

BROADCASTING HOUSE, HAMBURG, MAY 4.

William Joyce—"Haw-Haw"—left for Denmark by car on Wednesday night, according to the chief censor at this radio station. There are up-to-date copies of every British national newspaper here and a considerable number of copies of the "Manchester Guardian," "Yorkshire Post," "Glasgow Herald," and the "Scotsman."

Major L. Anderson, of the "Desert Rats," was the first officer to reach Broadcasting House last night. "I was all set to say 'Hello' to mother when the information people arrived to take over," he said.—Reuter.

SURRENDER SIGNED IN TENT

Last Attempt to Split the Allies Sternly Rejected

A German surrender mission, headed by General Admiral von Freideberg, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, signed the articles of unconditional surrender for the German land, sea, and air forces facing the Canadian First Army and the British Second Army last evening. Bill Downs, C.B.S. commentator (quoted by Reuter) gave this account of the event.

The signing took place in a weather-beaten camp set up especially for the ceremony. This surrender is the first of a series that must come if the Dönitz Government continues in its refusal to capitulate unconditionally to the Soviet Government as well as to the Western Allies.

In the words of Field Marshal Montgomery, as he walked to the tent where the official signing took place and grimly commented to the reporters, "This is the moment."

On Wednesday, May 2, General Blumentritt, Commander of the so-called "Army Group Blumentritt," hoisted a white flag and sent an emissary to the British Second Army.

He said he commanded all the forces between the Baltic and the Weser River and wanted to surrender his army group. General Dempsey replied that he should start moving and a rendezvous was arranged for Thursday.

The surrender was signed at a headquarters set up by Field Marshal Montgomery at the German Army training ground on the Lüneberg Heath, south of Hamburg.

ANOTHER WHITE FLAG

General Blumentritt did not appear yesterday, but sent word that negotiations were going on on a much higher level than his military station. He could not negotiate. It was yesterday that a forward party of four higher military officials again hoisted a white flag and drove into the British lines.

The head of the party was General Admiral von Freideberg, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, who replaced Admiral Dönitz when the latter assumed the title of Führer. Von Freideberg's rank also carried the title of General of the Army, and he was thus able to negotiate for the ground forces as well.

With Von Freideberg was General Kienzl, the next ranking officer, who was Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Busch, of the North German Army. Busch, incidentally, is still missing from our prisoners, but we should catch up with him soon.

Next came Rear Admiral Wagner, the staff officer to Von Freideberg and, last, Major Frieder, a staff officer to General Kienzl. This was the party which helped to negotiate with Field Marshal Montgomery.

"WHAT DO YOU WANT?"

They were taken to Field Marshal Montgomery's Field Headquarters on the Luneberg Heath. He stepped out, returned their military (not Nazi) salute, and asked, as if they were vacuum cleaner salesmen, "What do you want?"

The Germans replied: "We come here from Field Marshal Busch to ask you to accept the surrender of three German armies which are now withdrawing in front of the Russians in the Mecklenburg area."

These three armies, it was later revealed, were the Third Panzer Army, the German Twelfth Army and the Twenty-first Army.

The Nazi officers continued: "We are very anxious about the condition of German civilians who are fleeing as the German armies retreat in the path of the Russian advance. We want you to accept the surrender of these three armies."

To his everlasting credit Field Marshal Montgomery turned down three German armies willing to surrender to him. "No," he said, "certainly not. Those German armies are fighting the Russians. Therefore, if they surrender to anyone it must be to the forces of the Soviet Union."

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"It has nothing to do with me. I have nothing to do with the happenings on my eastern flank," he continued. "It is the business of the Russians. It is the Russian front. You go and surrender to the Soviet commanders. The subject is closed."

When Field Marshal Montgomery asked: "Are you prepared to surrender the German forces on my northern and western flank, those forces between Lübeck and in Holland and the forces in support of them such as those in Denmark?" The Germans said "No." But they added that again they were anxious about the conditions of the German civilians on the northern flank.

"We would like to come to some agreement with you by which the civilians will be saved from battle slaughter," they said.

Then the German commanders proposed a complicated and diverse military programme covering the next few weeks, in which the British Second Army would advance slowly, while at the same time the German troops would retreat slowly.

Again Field Marshal Montgomery said: "No. I will not discuss what I propose to do in the future."

Then the British Field Marshal took the ultimate. "I wonder," he said, "whether you know the battle situation on the Western Front?"

THE LAST STRAW

And he produced his operational map. The war was too close to being won for it to have any security importance. This map, it can be said, was the final straw, the one factor which precipitated the surrender of a million Germans. The German commanders were shocked, astounded by the progress of the Allies in East and West.

It was lunch-time and they were sent off to lunch alone. General Admiral von Friedeberg burst into tears when it got out of sight of "Monty" and he wept throughout lunch.

After lunch Field Marshal Montgomery called the Germans back for further consultation and there he delivered his ultimatum, an ultimatum that must have whipped the Nazis as much as the landing in Normandy. He told the Germans: "You must understand three things:

"Firstly, you must surrender to me unconditionally all the German forces in Holland, Friedland, and the Frisian Islands and in Heligoland, and all other islands and Schleswig-Holstein, and in Denmark.

"Secondly, when you have done that, I am prepared to discuss with you the implications of your surrender, how we will dispose of those surrendered troops, how we will occupy the surrendered territory, how we will deal with the civilians, and so forth.

A BLUNT WARNING

"And my third point," he said. "If you do not agree to point 1, the surrender, then I will go on with the war and will be delighted to do so."

Field Marshal Montgomery added as an afterthought: "All your soldiers and civilians may be killed."

They said they came entirely for the purpose of asking for the acceptance of three armies which wanted to surrender. They said they had no authority to agree to Field Marshal Montgomery's demands, but they agreed that two of them would remain behind while the other two presented the new terms of surrender to their superiors.

So at four o'clock yesterday (Thursday) afternoon General Admiral von Freideberg and Major Frieder went back with the news. They returned about five o'clock this (Friday) afternoon with the complete acceptance of the unconditional surrender terms.

It was raining when we arrived at Field Marshal Montgomery's Headquarters. The weather was more like autumn than spring, with the winds of the North Sea whipping a cold drizzle all over the whole landscape.

Overhead, weather or no, the Spitfires and Typhoons roared over, heading always north-west, where the Germans were reported to be trying to escape to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. The air forces were continuing the attack until the last minute of the surrender.

WEATHER-BEATEN TENT

We were led to a tent—a weather-beaten tent that had been patched scores of times. It wasn't large—about 10ft. wide and 20ft. long, family size. Inside was set up an ordinary kitchen-sized table. On it was a blue cloth. In between two microphones was an ink-stand with a pen.

The German mission arrived and walked to the front of "Monty's" caravan, General-Admiral von Freideberg was invited inside for a last-minute conference. At this time it was not completely settled whether the German answer to the unconditional surrender was "yes" or "no."

An extra person had arrived with the Admiral's surrender party. He was Colonel Pollak, once a member of the staff of Field Marshal Keitel. Keitel is second-in-command of the German armed forces, second only to Führer Dönitz.

The party had plenty of weight but does not officially bear Keitel's authority. While "Monty" and the General-Admiral were meeting in the caravan the other Nazi bigwigs stood in the rain, cold and shivering just like us reporters. Then they marched down the gravelled path towards the tent.

There was General-Admiral Freideberg, dressed in a grey leather coat, German Navy style, with a battered hat. But the striking thing was his face, a pushed-in German face deeply lined and absolutely grey and motionless.

SHOWED THE STRAIN

His was the responsibility in the surrender mission, and he showed the strain of his duty. Frankly, the General-Admiral, who wept so copiously at lunch the day before, to-day looked as if he had been crying every second.

But the most significant picture was General Kienzl, the Chief of Staff of the German armies in the north. He was the perfect picture of what the world has come to know, to its sorrow, as the German military peacock, complete with monocle.

General Kienzl wore a light grey greatcoat, with brilliant red lapels. If his face had not been set in concrete you might have expected him to burst into song from a Viennese operetta, he was so beautiful.

Again Field Marshal Montgomery kept the party waiting. Finally, wearing an immaculate British field battledress, he almost shuffled down the path.

"THIS IS THE MOMENT"

He grinned at us reporters, and said out of the corner of his mouth, "This is the moment." He carried the surrender papers in his right hand.

When "Monty" entered the tent the Germans snapped to attention like puppets. He sat down and swept out his hand, in indication for the Nazis to do the same. He put on his spectacles, took up the papers, and said, "I will now read out the terms of the surrender."

The Germans sat like statues, not a flicker of any kind of emotion on their faces. Solemnly, but with a note of triumph in his voice, "Monty" read the terms of surrender. You could tell that this was the moment for which he had been waiting in El Alamein and Tunis and in Italy, and it was worth it. And then, one by one, the Germans signed.

They did not say a word or betray a single emotion. It was strictly a Prussian ceremony for the Germans. Then the Field Marshal took up the wooden pen with a steel nib. "And now," he said, "I will sign on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, General Eisenhower."

The whole ceremony took about five minutes, and a million Germans had surrendered. The tent flaps were closed after the signing for a secret discussion of details.

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NEARLY TWO MILLION PEOPLE STILL LEFT IN HAMBURG

Great Port May Soon Be In Use

BOMB DAMAGE TO DOCKS DOES NOT APPEAR CRIPPLING

From David Woodward, "Manchester Guardian" War Correspondent

HAMBURG, MAY 4.

Fighting has now practically ceased for the British, with our troops moving forward as they please, save for the delay occasioned as they stop to demolish road blocks, lift mines, or fill in cratered roads.

In Hamburg British tanks of the Seventh Armoured Division are guarding the most important areas, but the Germans are confined to their houses by the curfew and all that the British are doing is sitting around their vehicles making tea over stoves made of petrol tins. It was just the same way as I had seen them make tea in the desert.

Going into Hamburg we followed their route signs, those same signs that I had followed in the desert and then all the way across France and Germany from the Normandy coast to the Elbe. Now they lead over the Elbe into the heart of Hamburg itself.

This city, the second in Germany, is less damaged than any other big city I have seen—and I have seen Cologne, Bremen, and Hanover,—but the amount of devastation astounded the Armoured Division, whose idea of bomb damage was only what they had seen at home.

One corporal said to me, "If the people at home could see this they would not worry about the Germans getting some of their own medicine." And this was a remark speaking of the future. "Well, I suppose we will all be out of a job soon."

Between one and a half and two million people still live in Hamburg and though most of the intact houses had at least some windows boarded up, there were areas in which a fairly normal life appears to have been going on.

SOON IN USE

This fact, together with the need for getting the port going once more to feed Central Europe as well as the British Army in Germany suggests that this town will be the first great city in Germany to get going once more.

The docks themselves do not seem to have suffered crippling damage, especially in view of the experience which the naval and engineer personnel have had in the last few months.

The great port is deserted now save for a few sunken vessels and a couple of German auxiliary warships in dry dock while there are many submarines visible on the stocks in big shipbuilding yards.

The whole picture of surrender and defeat is epitomised by the White Ensign flying from the harbourmaster's offices on the hill overlooking the harbour. An entirely different picture is presented half a mile away, looking across the Alster Lake, which cuts the town in two. The opposite shore is far enough away to make it impossible to see more than the handsome buildings set amongst the German trees. In the midst of the lake, glistening in the sunshine, there are rafts and artificial islands placed there to carry camouflage nets designed to hide the southern end of the lake as well as to carry anti-aircraft guns.

RUSSIANS BREAKING INTO BOHEMIAN FORTRESS

From our Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, MAY 4.

Attention is now centred on the Bohemian fortress and on General Yeremenko's promising operations on its eastern approaches.

His group of armies which has hitherto been saddled with the difficulties of operating on a front split by mountain ranges of formidable height and complexity have now reached more favourable ground.

The fall of Teshen, described in the official Russian announcement as a Czechoslovak town, marks the final breakdown of German resistance between Opava and West Beskid and clears the way for a general advance through the Moravian gate.

Already the Russians have pushed on to Frydek by means of the main road that runs straight through the flat, easy country towards Prerov. To the south-east other units, making use of the excellent system of mountain highways that the Czechs built and the Germans expanded before their attack on Poland, have broken the back of the forest-clad Javorniky range and are streaming down to the rolling spaces of Moravia.

West of the White Carpathians the Red Army is sweeping on towards Prerov. Yesterday the great industrial complex of Zlin, the model city where Bata made boots, motor tyres, and aeroplane parts, was taken from the south.

The Fourth Ukrainian Front has not many tanks and most of the fighting is falling on the infantry. Advances are not spectacular, but during the past ten days much difficult terrain has been passed and strong forces are now moving towards the vital gap between Czech Moravian highlands and the Sudeten mountains.

Berlin was still burning last night but thousands of Germans have already been put to work clearing the wreckage and isolating fires. Coaches are being dragged from the wrecked tube railway. Most of the Friedrichstrasse has caved in on to the underground railway lines.

The Imperial Chancellery is still burning and the Russians who entered it through a hole in the wall had to wear gas-masks to get into Hitler's office. Göring's Luftwaffe building is also on fire. The dome of the roof of the Reichstag Palace collapsed.

German prisoners continued to come in yesterday. A large group was forced by hunger and thirst to emerge from the vast air-raid shelter under the Luftwaffe Ministry. A regiment of the S.S. gave themselves up after firing a few desultory shots.

A rash of white flags has spread right across the city. Red flags are only seen on the top of the Reichstag, on the Brandenburg Gate, which the Russians scaled, and on the Soviet Embassy. The Unter den Linden is described as impassable, but gradually the main streets are being cleared.

"The Times" & "Manchester Guardian" Service

A BERLIN MAYOR APPOINTED

MOSCOW, MAY 4.

The first post-Nazi mayor of a Berlin district has been appointed by the Red Army. He is Paul Laecke, described as a "non-party man," and he has been appointed to the Friedrichsberg district by its Soviet commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Kuznetsov. Laecke was mayor of the district from 1907 to 1934.—Reuter.

BERCHTESGADEN CAPTURED

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, MAY 4.

It was officially announced to-night that Berchtesgaden, where Hitler made his home and strong point, has been captured and cleared by the Allies. Practically all organised resistance on the Seventh Army's south-western sector collapsed along a front of seventy miles.—Associated Press.

ENEMY THOROUGHLY WHIPPED

—GEN. EISENHOWER

The Day's Surrenders

S.H.A.E.F., PARIS, MAY 4.

General Eisenhower to-night issued a statement which said:

German forces on the Western Front have disintegrated. To-day what is left of two German armies surrendered to a single American division—the 102nd, commanded by Major General Frank A. Keating.

In the north the remaining forces in North-western Germany, Holland, Denmark and the Frisian Islands surrendered to Field Marshal Montgomery.

"In the south Allied troops from General Devers's command and from Italy have joined. On the Czech border a Panzer division gave up unconditionally to General Bradley's forces.

"They know they are beaten. Any further losses will be due either to their own stupidity or that of the German Government. On land, sea and in the air the Germans are thoroughly whipped and their only recourse is to surrender. —Associated Press and British United Press.

[The 102nd Division is part of General Simpson's Ninth Army, which has been facing the German pocket around Magdeburg.]

V-DAY TRAVEL

Relief Trains for Suburbs if Required

The Railway Executive Committee announces that normal train services will be run on V.E.-Day. Arrangements will be made, however, to cover workmen's services from factories where work may cease before the normal time, and, where necessary, relief trains will be run in the late evening to ease heavily pressed suburban services.

On V.E. Plus-one Day, Sunday services will be operated with an early morning and, where necessary, a late evening service on branch lines which are normally closed on Sundays.

Freight services will not be operated on V.E. Plus-one Day except for the movement of perishable live stock and military traffic.

MR. MOLOTOV REFUSES AMERICAN DEGREE

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 4.

Mr. Molotov has refused to accept an honorary degree of the University of California. He was on the list which included Mr. Eden, Mr. Stettinius, Dr. Soong, M. Bidault, and General Smuts. Mr. Molotov said he could not accept, because of a rule forbidding Soviet officials to accept such honours.—Reuter.

"AIR POWER BEAT GERMANY"

Rundstedt Talks

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, MAY 4.

Field Marshal von Rundstedt to-day frankly admitted the complete defeat of Germany, placing air power as the first decisive factor in the Reich's military failure, petrol and oil shortage as the second, and destruction of the railway system as the third.

Other contributing factors were Germany's loss of raw materials in conquered areas and the smashing of the country by air attacks.

Wearing his field marshal's uniform and decorations Von Rundstedt received the press in the château where he is held prisoner. After bowing stiffly he sat down and replied frankly and thoughtfully to every question.

He gave his opinion that Hitler was certainly dead, but whatever might have been the cause it was not suicide, and it happened in Berlin.

Rundstedt said that no serious effort was made to invade England after the fall of France, for "we did not have the fleet to protect us. Moreover, our landing equipment [Rundstedt used the contemptuous German term "Äppelkähne," meaning mere barges for hauling apples] was totally inadequate, as experiments with them showed."

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY

On events before D-Day Rundstedt said, "Naturally, we expected an attempted landing, but we could not tell where it would come, whether it would be Holland or Central or Southern France. So I could not pull my reserves in one place.

"Yet our reserves were so dispersed and placed that I could have met the D-Day landing, even though it surprised us, except for the fact that we had no mobility and could not bring up our reserves. Between Paris and Rouen there was not a single bridge across the Seine."

The German High Command expected the landing to take place between the Somme and the Seine.

The Ardennes offensive to relieve pressure, take Liege, and hold the Meuse line failed through the Allied strategic bombing of supply lines. He praised General Patton's excellent manœuvre from the south in the Ardennes.

"Field Marshal Montgomery is Britain's greatest general," Rundstedt said. "He proved it in Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, and again since D-Day."—Reuter and Associated Press.

INDIA'S GIFT TO U.N.R.R.A.

WASHINGTON, MAY 4.

Mr. Lehman, director general of U.N.R.R.A. announced to-day that the Government of India has agreed to contribute $24,000,000 (about £6,000,000) to U.N.R.R.A.—Reuter.

DEADLOCK ON POLAND

Soviet Firmness

SAN FRANCISCO AND COLONIES

From ALISTAIR COOKE, our Special Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 4.

While the four working commissions and their sub-committees laboured all day to integrate the proposed amendments to the charter, Mr. Eden, Mr. Molotov, Mr. Stettinius, and Dr. Soong were in almost continuous session at Mr. Stettinius's flat.

No official announcement was made about their discussion, but last evening it was authoritatively reported that the Russians, who had seemed to be yielding to the Anglo-American arguments about Poland, have now retreated to their original demands and are stubbornly pressing for the seating of the Warsaw Government. Mr. Eden and Mr. Stettinius had to say all over again that for Britain and America the simple principle agreed to at Yalta must be their minimum demand.

Mr. Molotov fell back on his original position after a long and fruitless linguistic battle over the meaning of the disputed phrase in the Yalta agreement. The relevant clause authorised Mr. Molotov, Mr. Harriman, and Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr "to consult in the first instance in Moscow with members of the present Provisional Government."

The British and Americans took this to mean that the Commission must first discuss the whole problem in Moscow. The Russians say it means that the Commission must begin discussions by consulting with the present Provisional Government. From this seemingly quibble the Big Four were at least able to appreciate the wide gulf that separates them on political principle.

It is impossible at any time to make flat reports on the current state of Anglo-American-Russian amity since it fluctuates from hour to hour like a fever chart. Yet one can positively say that the Polish question is the bacillus involved and that it is still unconquered.

MOSCOW'S INTRANSIGENCE

Mr. Eden does not easily hide his anxiety and is visibly bewildered by the seeming Russian intransigence when he or Mr. Stettinius cite the Yalta Agreement as a condition of any new procedure. At present there appears to be no way out of his impasse.

For part of these discussions four United States senators, representing the Senate Sub-committee on Naval Affairs, sat in to demand that the United States have full post-war control over all strategic Japanese islands. This extraordinary deputation has highlighted the whole question of trusteeship, about which during the past few days there has been much official discussion and wild speculation.

The American and British delegations differ sharply on only one point. The Americans want the trusteeship of all strategic areas to be held by the Security Council. The British want to distinguish between two kinds of trusteeship—military control to be put in the hands of the Security Council, and economic and social control in the same places to be in the hands of the Welfare Commission. This is the only important difference of opinion between the major Powers.

They all wish to stress that this conference has no intention to redistribute the colonies of the world Powers but will limit itself to reassigning the trusteeship first of the old mandated territories, secondly of the newly acquired enemy territory, and thirdly of the areas voluntarily turned over by the present ruling Power to the new Commission.

QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY

There is confusion over the question of sovereignty. Most speakers in the plenary sessions aroused warm applause by stating the theory that in the brave new world each nation must be prepared to yield some of its sovereignty. But this now appears to be a laudable sacrifice for other people to take. And no major Power is so far willing to consider the international inspection of its own colonies and present territories.

The most radical and hopeful proposals come from the middle Powers who—the British Dominions especially—have learned the hard way that self-government begets responsibility.

And the most heartening suggestions on trusteeship to date were made yesterday at the press conference given by Mr. Evatt, of Australia. He wants much greater power for the Assembly than Dumbarton Oaks suggests and would give it power to adjudicate problems on which there is a deadlock in the Security Council. Especially he believed that the Assembly should have the right to decide by a two-thirds majority any dispute on trusteeship and should be empowered to mandate territories to particular nations.

This goes far beyond anything the big Powers have proposed. On inspection, he thought that all nations ought to agree to report regularly to an expert advisory commission about the social and economic condition of the territories under their control. This plan would allow the Security Council to exempt nations controlling strategic bases from having to make public reports on military and naval affairs.

COLONIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

He made a sincere plea to all nations who ruled or might rule dependent territories to recognise that colonial power is a responsibility to develop the social, economic, and political welfare of its dependents.

He paused to emphasise the word "political" and went on to add with relish that a colonial Power is one best able to help its subject to eventual independence.

He recalled how unpalatable was the notion of the Dominions' independence to the last peace conference. For the benefit of those American listeners who habitually look on the citizens of the British Dominions as runners still linked by handcuffs to the English chariot, Mr. Evatt obviously enjoyed saying that "it has taken a long time for the world to wake up to the fact of our independence."

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LAVAL REGARDED AS FRENCH TRAITOR

PARIS, MAY 4.

Pierre Laval is regarded as a French traitor and not as a war criminal, a French member of the War Crimes Commission said to-night. He added that therefore the former President of the Vichy Council of Ministers would not be tried before an international court. The statement was made at a press conference which was attended by General John Weir, the United States representative on the War Crimes Commission.—Associated Press.

Two parties, and the gritty bit that counts

More than 24 million people in England and Wales had the vote in the county council elections. The luckless inhabitants of the metropolitan counties and the Greater London area had been disenfranchised. The rate increase laden Scots had no elections either. In the event, as is usual in local elections, rather less than half the electorate made it to the polling stations on Thursday. Nevertheless, millions of real votes in real elections provide a host of real lessons. And, for all the protestations from Bonn that the Prime Minister is "not surprised" by the results and in spite of Mr John Gummer's curious belief that they are "creditable" the first point to make is that the county council elections are very bad news indeed for the Conservative Party. The Government's share of the poll in the counties is down by between 8 and 9 per cent compared with the general election of 1983. The number of counties controlled by the Tories is down from 18 (itself the product of a disastrous Conservative showing in 1981) to a mere 10, leaving them in control of fewer than a quarter of the shires. And if Thursday's results are projected in terms of Westminster seats, Mrs Thatcher would be out of Downing Street and back on the opposition benches.

The only real comfort for the Conservatives is that we are still at least two years from the likely date of the next general election and that the opposition parties have divided the spoils of Thursday's votes between them. For the Alliance, and especially for the Liberals (who gained more than four times as many seats as their SDP partners), the solid satisfaction is their hold on the balance of power in 24 county councils. Before this week, there were ten hung councils. Now the Alliance can decide the colour of local rule in a majority of counties. That is both an achievement and a dilemma. Most of the votes which have thrust them into this brokering role have come from Conservatives. But most of the key political issues which will now face those counties — issues like rates reform, bus service privatisation and, perhaps most immediately, the resolution of the teachers' strikes — mean that the Alliance councillors could find themselves tending towards deals with Labour. In terms of national opinion trends, however, the news is less rosy. The breakthrough in seats is not reflected in the overall Alliance share of the poll which, if anything, is slightly down on the 1983 general election.

Labour, by contrast, has done better than appeared at first sight. True, it has lost control of councils like Avon, Lancashire and Humberside which it captured on the high tide of 1981. But Labour's share of the poll in the counties as a whole emphatically confirms the party's relative recovery to the level of national support it won in the 1979 general election. With the shift of votes from the Tories to the Alliance, that would place Mr Kinnock just tantalisingly short of Downing Street. Perhaps the most telling evidence of Labour's climb out of the abyss is in the south of England. After 1983, many commentators wrote Labour off south of the Wash. But Thursday's performance puts the party back in contention in a whole host of places which had seemed irretrievable. Nevertheless, the recovery is still only relative. If it had been a general election on Thursday, the Labour Party would still have to decide which other parties it would look to for support at Westminster in order to form a government. Anyone who believes that the political situation is settling back into the old two-party mould after a brief three-party madness is deluded. What we have now is neither two-party politics nor three-party politics, but two-and-a-bit party politics. Thursday has entrenched that uneasy balance in the county halls, and Westminster may shortly have to learn to live with it as well.

One black ball, many black looks

It has been a particularly ripe week for ridiculous excuses. Buckingham Palace says the Prince and Princess just couldn't fit a Papal Mass into their extraordinarily busy schedule. Mr John Gummer says he thinks Mr Peter Walker was really outlining standard Government policy. The Times newspaper proclaims that one reason why Mrs Thatcher has achieved so little in six years of office is that the press (or rather "dirigiste" journalists) haven't given her a fair shake. But, curiously, the big loser of the week has offered not one syllable of an excuse: and much good has his manful restraint done him.

In the early hours of Monday morning, with twelve million people sleeplessly transfixed to their television sets, Steve Davis had a single black to pot to become, at 27, world snooker champion for the fourth time; as well as £60,000 richer. He missed. Dennis Taylor, eight frames to nothing down after the first session, was 'champion' instead. A great roar swelled from the crowd at the Sheffield Crucible, and the celebration haven't stopped yet. The cameras have followed Taylor's return to his Northern Irish patch and his dear old dad with quite as much wrapt human interest as Princess Di's Italian button-and-bows.

That is not, of course, hard to understand. Dennis Taylor is the original, lovable Irishman. He tells good jokes very well. He wears funny glasses. And — shades of Rocky — he's a rags to riches story. A natural hero. But that doesn't explain the manifest antipathy to Steve Davis. In the Crucible final he was Spain playing at Wrexham. On the morning after, reading only a centimetre between the lines, there was positive glee at his defeat. The question is why? Steve Davis ought to be the Torvill and Dean of the green baize. He is young, infinitely courteous and — to all intents and purposes — every mother's dream. He was obviously shaken in defeat, but he bore it impressively. Within a day or so he was out and about again, the unlined face set once more in a benign poker of concentration.

So why? There are several simple answers, of course. Because Davis betrays no emotion, he commands no emotion. Because he has won everything several times, people want to see someone else win something. (The boredom factor.) Because he is very rich and successful, he has become a target to shoot at. But none of these arguments carries total conviction. Sebastian Coe is a perfect sort of chap: but he is still willed to win. Marvin Hagler is the perfect boxing champion: he is hymned because of that perfection. All the great heroes thrive on constant success. What Steve Davis has had to put up with this week is something rather different: a kind of sadism, the fascination a crowd derives from watching, hour after endless hour, an almost metronomic facade of skill and instinctive confidence stripped to the bones of frailty. It has all — in this single respect — seemed a little sad and a little nasty. Davis was the best snooker player in the world at 12.05 am on Monday morning; he is still the best snooker player in the world; and not a whisper of excuse has passed his tight-set lips.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why God must take a political line

Sir,—Mr John Selwyn Gummer (Face to Faith, April 29) states that my "partisan political statements lessen (my) impact as a proponent of theological truth." He does not refer to any particular statement; I can only comment, therefore, on his general thesis, which appears to be that politics should be left to the politicians and theology to the theologians.

Now this quaint and unoriginal notion will not bear scruffiny. It may indeed be possible for theologicans to by-pass theology, though, since God made the world and died to redeem it, which is what theology is all about, it must be very difficult altogether to ignore it. Most certainly, however, it is quite impossible for theologians to ignore politics which are part of the world and assuredly of concern to God.

It would appear that Mr Gummer is quite happy as long as theologians, if they make political statements, are non-partisan, that is, innocuous. The political debate is, inevitably and rightly, a partisan debate: the bringing together of a variety of views about how desirable ends, like peace for example, can be achieved. It is one of the tests of the vitality of Christian faith and the reality of Christian fellowship that the followers of Jesus should be willing, without rancour, to engage in the debate.

Of course, any political statement I make may be challenged as misguided, but not on the ground that it is partisan. Like any other Christian, I try to ground my political judgments in my understanding of the gospel, that is, in theology. There is no such thing as infallibility in politics, nor for that matter in theology, either in Rome, London or anywhere else. That fact should induce humility but not, surely, reluctance to try to connect theology and politics. Leaders who do not make the attempt are lacking in leadership.—Yours sincerely,
(Rev Dr) Kenneth G. Greet.
Rustington,
W. Sussex.



Sir,—In his latest feeble attack on a mind and spirit far greater and more noble than his own, John Gummer's criticisms of the Bishop of Durham founder, as before, on the proposition that politics is a "technical" (sic) area, into which only those with the appropriate qualifications can stray with impunity.

Notwithstanding the appalling errors of judgment which are being and will continue to be made by governments whose ministers have little or no understanding of the matters over which they have been given powers, is not Mr Gummer contradicting one of the fundamental tenets of the Tory faith?

Surely the very spirit of Mrs Thatcher's brave new Britain is enshrined in the notion that the fate of nations can be decided on a hunch; whereas learning, experience and — God forbid — statistics — are spoilsport elements in a political game which is far more exciting when played by amateurs who make up the rules as they go along.

What rattles John Gummer and his cronies is the fact that in his official capacity, the Bishop of Durham is precisely what they themselves are not — a fully trained professional: someone qualified to make intellectual and moral judgments who, having no axe of his own to grind, is capable of criticising a government, both morally and intellectually bankrupt, to devastating effect. — Yours faithfully,
Angela Partington.
Thirsk,
N Yorkshire.

Sir,—In his desire for courtesy and respect in the political arena one wonders which John Selwyn Gummer finds more distasteful, the reference by the clergy to the NCB Chairman as a "geriatric American" or the reference by his own Party Leader to the clergy as "cuckoos."—Yours etc,
Kevin Cowie.
Newton Mearns,
Glasgow.

Sir,—The dissertation by John Gummer on the subject of politics and the Bishops merits the creation of a new word — Gummbug.—Yours sincerely,
George Swannell.
London NW9.

Obsessions of the New Right

Sir, — Sir Alfred Sherman's generally unintelligible piece (Agenda, April 29) is about par for the New Right, with their obsessive determination to rubbish everything connected with Maynard Keynes, from his personal life to the mathematics of the General Theory.

Last week, for example, we had the entertaining spectacle of the Government getting a little obvious criticism from two captains of industry. Not much point, they said, in having service industries if you are not producing anything. Whereupon one was criticised for his high pay rise, and the other for his cash mountain.

Now apart from the fact that this Government has been keen to shift resources from poor to rich (so justifying the pay rise), it is obvious to most people that if the interest rate is 17, 15, or even 12 per cent, the sensible thing to do — for the shareholders anyway — is to leave the money in the bank. Why take risks?

Arnold Weinstock has responded very rationally to the New Right by taking plenty of lucrative defence contracts, and keeping as much in cash as possible. He was one of those selected in the early days of this Government for "interest-rate" reward, while others more ambitious for this country went to the wall. No sign of arithmetical insight here.

To cover such nonsense, they perpetrate the Great Lie that we are presently suffering from the muddled thinking of the post-war consensus. Look, Sir Alfred says, at the problems created by Keynesian ideas for Wilson and Callaghan. Reminiscent to me of that lovely statement in the Guardian the other day that, medically, most of us were simply "suffering from life."

Nothing worthwhile can ever be achieved without problems and setbacks. Yet how manageable their situation nows seems in the light of our present sorry state.

What is their vision for the future? Sometimes it seems that the only thing that matters is a zero inflation rate, regardless of the nature of the society. Their mystical approach to numbers and money results in the belief that man was made for the system, not vice-versa. From many discussions, the only vision I have been able to discern is a resolve to strengthen the bastions of class against the encroachments of people whom they consider not worth educating.

Most of us want to see a measure of fairness in our society, with all our children having at least the same basic opportunities. In many countries throughout the world, under a variety of political systems, this has been largely achieved. But in Britain, the privileged schooling and class structure prevent such an evolution, and the Thatchers and Shermans are proud to reverse the limited progress that had been made since the war.

Without some humane vision for our society, without something more than the primitive struggle for money and weapons and power and privilege, we hardly deserve to survive. Yet our present leadership works actively for the destruction of the post-war ideals. — Yours sincerely,
J. Evans.
81 Cherry Hinton Road,
Cambridge.

House rules

Sir — The discussion in the House on Tuesday about state pensions was a disgrace, not simply because of the braying, crowing and hooligan behaviour to which we have become accustomed but because of the comparison with last year's debate on the subject of MP's pensions.

Then during a calm and harmonious session, they voted to increase their pensions far above that of a normal civil servant.— Sincerely,
Shirley Morgan,
Maidenhead,
Berks.

Rights and wrongs of civil liberties

Sir,—As an author of the NCCL's resolution on the report into civil liberties aspects of the miners' strike, may I correct some mistakes in your report and editorial (April 29). The AGM did not, as you suggest, refuse to endorse the Inquiry Panel's Interim Report. Our resolution in fact specifically endorsed the majority of its contents, as well as welcoming the setting up of the Inquiry.

What was at issue was the Inquiry Panel's premise that the right not to strike is as fundamental as the right to strike, and on this point the AGM disagreed overwhelmingly with the Panel. The resolution in no way interfered with the independence of the Inquiry, and it is absurd to characterise it as "a deliberate refusal to offend the trade unions."

The fact is that the AGM was right, and the Inquiry Panel wrong, on this point. The resolution made it clear that strike-breaking is lawful; but the report had gone far beyond this to assert it as a fundamental right. Civil libertarians need to be careful in their assessment of fundamental rights; if we can all invent new "basic freedoms," we debase the currency of human rights protections. If we permit a subjective approach, by what yardstick is the employer's power to lock workers out, to hire and fire, to close down factories, not a "fundamental right"?

We have to look to the human rights provisions of international law to ascertain what are recognised fundamental rights. On the present issue, the UN's 1966 Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which has been long ratified by the UK, guarantees the right to strike Article 8). It contains no reference to a right to strike-break; nor do other human rights conventions. This is no oversight by the drafters, but a recognition that human rights are designed to promote social and economic justice, which can often be achieved only through the effective exercise of collective rights.

Contrary to your editorial's implication, it is not for the NCCL to "dissect" the NUM's tactics. It is, however, NCCL's role to debate and promote internationally accepted human rights principles and standards. Far from being a "damaged movement" for so doing, in the medium and long term NCCL will be strengthened by its refusal to bow to political pressure from a press whose hostility to collective rights is so evident.—Yours faithfully,
Jeremy Smith.
177 Holland Road,
London NW10.

Sir,—I attended last weekend's AGM of the National Council for Civil Liberties and, I must say that I am very pleased at the result. For, despite cajoling from all sections of the press and advice from many sources that this was a watershed for the organisation, many individual members, like myself, voted to reject the interim report of the enquiry into policing of the miners' strike and against giving advice to the National Front or their representatives.

From the back row of the hall, it was quite obvious that there were as many people with pink individual voting cards voting on either side. There were also plenty of affiliates, with green cards, voting on either side as well. So we should nail the lie immediately that the AGM was somehow "swamped" by trade union barons wielding block votes against hapless individual members. The results were fairly and democratically decided.

There was also universal condemnation for the way in which the press has tried to divide the organisation, with an intensity that has only increased in the days following. Tories and Liberals spoke strongly of their commitment to NCCL and the defence of civil liberties. But they are Tories and Liberals who put their money where their mouths are and join the organisation. They have the right to have their say in how the policies of NCCL are determined.

What has been decided is that NCCL is to be part of a radical force for social change, fighting for civil liberties alongside those whose civil liberties are being denied — black people, women, gays, people on strike in defence of their jobs and communities. An NCCL which maintains aloof, elitist positions in relation to those under attack will surely wither from lack of contact with the real world. NCCL can emerge with strength and vigour from last weekend's meeting if it begins to forge new alliances and put into practice the policies it has so courageously decided.— Yours sincerely,
Charles Foster.
London N16.

Sir,—The NCCL Conference gives all members an opportunity to participate in making policy in an open and democratic manner. As a newly-elected member of the Executive Committee, Alex Carlisle MP displays contempt for ordinary NCCL members and their rights when he publicly repudiates Conference decisions and threatens to support a rival organisation which will "finish NCCL." Members would have been glad to debate the issues with Mr Carlisle but unfortunately he chose not to speak at the Conference. — Yours sincerely,
Beverley Lang,
1, Dr Johnson's Buildings,
Temple,
London EC4.

A lesson for Auntie in Capital's cuts

Sir,—It is to be hoped that the Peacock Committee, beginning to collect evidence on the best way of funding the BBC, will have noted the decision of the Board of Directors of Capital Radio to stop broadcasting radio drama. This decision was taken in spite of the fact that the offer of radio plays in its programming was part of the condition of Capital's being given its licence by the IBA.

In countries like the United States, where there was no tradition of public service broadcasting, the production of radio drama disappeared entirely when the competition of television reduced the size of audiences for plays on radio. American commercial television has never developed television drama to any extent.

We sometimes forget that commercial television and radio in this country are as good as they are because they came onto a broadcasting scene already dominated by public service standards. If BBC funding ever takes a form in which commercial considerations are paramount, radio drama and, indeed, television drama in Britain are likely to suffer the same fate as radio drama on Capital Radio.—Yours sincerely,
William Ash.
Writers' Guild of Great Britain,
London W2.

Encounter of the furred kind



Sir,—The Forest of Arden Golf and Country Club is a charming golf course and with all the water in the shape of ponds, lakes and ditches, not too easy. Part of its charm is the abundant amount of wild life to be found — pheasant, Canadian geese, partridges, and rabbits.

On Saturday, April 20, the Catering Equipment Distributors Association (CEDA) were having their annual tournament at the end of a three-day conference. We came to the tenth — not a hole to hook on, as the lake was on the left, and sure enough the fairway was littered with geese. Eventually we arrived at the fringe of the green when we were surprised to see a stoat run across the green carrying some hapless victim in its mouth.

Before we had had time to move forward a small rabbit dashed across the green hotly pursued by another stoat and disappeared into the bushes only to re-appear almost immediately with the stoat gaining in every bound. A few yards and the rabbit was screaming loudly — we moved to help, but paused in amazement — six or seven of the geese left the flock and solidly marched on the stoat who turned tail and fled into the bushes.

The rabbit limped through the flock to the far side of the fairway where it rested, tired and hurt. But the stoat was not done yet and moved out of hiding to continue the chase; however, neither were the geese finished as they turned once more to the attack and drove him back.

Before we left the green, he had tried another two or three times to cross the fairway, with the same result from the geese. None of us had ever seen such a protective event in quite such a way, and all this had been played out within a few yards of us with the participants oblivious to those competing in a less serious aspect of life.—Yours sincerely,
J. C. D. Blyth,
44, Cyncoed Road,
Cardiff.

Notts guilty

Sir, — The miners' strike may be beginning to fade into the background of people's minds. Not those, however, of the miners dismissed by the National Coal Board. Many people no doubt imagine that these have all been guilty of violence or other serious crime. They may care to consider the case of Ken Petney, a Notts striker.

Ken Petney was recently tried in Nottingham Crown Court on charges of malicious wounding and grievous bodily harm. The evidence given against him by working miners was clearly contradictory, and two key police witnesses failed to turn up. He was found not guilty.

Before the trial, Ken Petney was dismissed from his job by the NCB. Despite his proven innocence, he has not been reinstated. He may well win his case at an industrial tribunal, as may the other 60 miners dismissed in Nottinghamshire. But there is no certainty that this will lead to reinstatement. It seems his only real crime is to have supported the strike.—Yours faithfully,
Michael Moriarty.
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

A COUNTRY DIARY

MACHYNLLETH — This week we heard of the death of the grand old man of nature conservation in Wales. Colonel Morrey Salmon of Cardiff had a splendid innings (he was in his 94th year) and for very long he fought the good fight for bird protection and the creation of nature reserves with wonderful tenacity. In the annals his name will always be linked with that of the late Geoffrey Ingram, also of Cardiff, because of their pioneering work in bird photography and for their studies of the birds of southern Wales. And their first class book, Birds in Britain Today, which appeared in 1934, is proof of their wide knowledge of England and Scotland as well as Wales. They were fortunate to have lived when they did, and were able to enjoy a countryside as yet unsavaged by all the pollution and habitat destruction which have been such a blight on the post-war world. Indeed, in their younger days there were nightingales nesting commonly in the suburbs of Cardiff. But for security reasons Colonel Salmon's greatest achievement in natural history must remain almost unknown to the public, and this came from his devotion to the protection of that most famous of all Welsh birds, the rare Red Kite. He kept a private chronicle of the fate of every known Kite's nest and his meticulous records covering all this century could well be the longest detailed study of a rare bird anywhere in the world. It is sad that possibly the last news he ever received about the Red Kite was of one killed a fortnight ago by one of those very low flying jets that are such a curse in the countryside of today.

WILLIAM CONDRY

Miscellany

Sir,—Stephanie Netell has not done her research on what religious education is about. Fictional accounts of the life of Jesus may at times be acceptible, but not when that fiction purports to be history, as it does in the confusing Richard Hughes's textbooks she cites. Neither "Nazareth" nor "Jerusalem" should claim to be religious education.

Even more seriously, children deserve far better than slighting tokenism towards Judaism and Islam, two faiths with, I would have thought, a reasonable stake in Israel. "Jerusalem" is really only about Jesus — Hughes's Jesus. It, and its companions, belong in Sunday school not in the primary classroom. — Yours (Dr) S. Bigger.
Westminster College,
Oxford.

Sir,—Most of Mrs Thatcher's "money back" from the EEC is coming out of West German pockets. I do not think they are likely to forgive or forget her criticism of President Reagan's proposed visit to Bitburg. Mrs Thatcher in 1944 was the same age as the young Waffen-SS troops buried there after being killed in action. According to those who actually fought them, the Waffen-SS were elite soldiers bravely led and incomparably better armed than our own troops.

The EEC was founded mainly to prevent future wars between France and Germany. Instead of whining interminably about "England's money back", the English MEPs should lead the way towards full reconciliation between former enemies.—Yours faithfully,
Winnie Ewing MEP
52 Queens Drive
Lossiemouth.

Contributing factors

Sir,—BSM's donation of £188,000 to the Liberal Party in 1983 has caused Mr Bill Keys and the Labour Research Department of the trade union movement to allege hypocrisy of the Alliance leadership which condemns the undemocratic manner in which trade unions and corporations provide funds for political parties.

May I give some facts about the donation: £40,000 was given to the General Election Fund of the Liberal Party and £148,000 was given after we were approached by the then Secretary General and a former President of the Liberal Party to seek assistance for the funding of the reorganisation of the Liberal Central Party Office, and these sums are being spent in 1983, 1984 and 1985 to secure that objective.

BSM Holdings is a privately owned company and all shareholders were consulted and their agreement obtained before the donation was made.

Compare this situation with that of virtually all public company donations which are given to the Conservative Party when the shareholders are not consulted and also with the financing of the Labour Party by trade unions.

Speaking personally, I wholly deplore the need for political parties to have to seek donations from either trade unions or companies and it is Alliance policy when we achieve full, electoral success to change the system so that some State financing will be available to political parties.

Even allowing for this exceptionally large donation which is being spent over three years, still means that more than 80 per cent of all funding by the Liberal Party is from small individual donations and this compares very favourably with about 25 per cent contributed by small donations to the Labour and Conservative parties.

When we complain about the unjust electoral system our political opponents tell us to stop whingeing and get on and learn to win under the present rules, and after election victory we will be free to change to proportional representation. The same must also go for funding of political parties. When we achieve power we will change the system.
Anthony Jacobs.
Chairman, BSM Holdings Ltd

Sir,—Mr Anthony Jacobs in his justification of BSM's donation of £188,000 to the Liberal Party, states that "all shareholders were consulted and their agreement obtained before the donation was made." However, it is pretty disgusting for the chairman to ask us to make favourable comparisons merely from the point of view of the few shareholders in his company when we know from the previous day (Guardian May 1) that BSM Holdings and the Liberal Party had arranged to keep the donation entirely secret.

At least we know about various companies like Trust House Forte and Marks and Spencer which donate money to the Conservative Party. To a small extent customers can decide whether or not to subscribe to such activity. Surely the customers of BSM should know that £188,000 of their money is being sent to the Liberals.

Mr Jacobs's version of democratic procedure for company decision making — that full accountability is secured by the private consultation of shareholders — is very suspect especially in a situation where a chairman (who is also a co-treasurer of a political party) can strongly influence policy proposals and where decisions can affect thousands of other people.—Yours faithfully,
Paul Gadsby.
78 Cromwell Street,
Swansea.

Red faced

Sir,—President Reagan's nostrums about the spirit of reconciliation must be a great source of consolation to the people of Vietnam. One certainly hopes so, since his government shows no sign of giving them practical effect there.

Germany received massive aid after 1945; rightly so. Vietnam, by contrast, has received none of the reparations to which she is entitled and the Americans committed themselves. While this principled statesman prepares to honour the graves of members of an organisation identified with the worst barbarities of a foul regime, he considers it appropriate to lead a Western aid-boycott against a country bombarded by his own with more firepower than that used by all sides in World War Two.

Simultaneously, he castigates its inevitable reliance on Russian assistance, and will not even acknowledge its role in defeating the Pol Pot regime to which his predecessors abandoned Cambodia.

In 30 years' time can we expect to see his successors pursuing this same miserable vendetta — and, perhaps, anticipate one of them honouring the Khmer Rouge?—Yours faithfully,
Ian Roberts.
Bradford,
W. Yorks.

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SPORT

The Wembley match of two halves

Paul Fitzpatrick on the Rugby League Challenge Cup final's key players



WIZARDS OF OZ: Peter Sterling (left) . . . voracious enthusiasm and total commitment. Brett Kenny . . blistering pace and organisational strength

TODAY'S Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley between Hull and Wigan would not have required any overseas influence to attract a capacity crowd. The game sold itself. The presence, nevertheless, on opposite sides of probably the two greatest half-backs in Rugby League has given the conflict an additional, profound dimension. Needless to say, they are both Australians.

Peter Sterling and Brett Kenny arrived here with the 1982 Kangaroos, colleagues in a splendid Parramatta side but unheralded, comparatively unknown and regarded as the reserve half-backs to Steve Mortimer and Wally Lewis. Sterling was 22, Kenny 21. They departed for France eight weeks later as established Test players, leaving behind in England, a sense of deep envy that one country could possess two players so young and so brilliant.

Sterling returned to England and to Hull on a short contract last season and a full one this, confirming in game after game his philosophy that players only go stale in the mind, not the body. His appetite for the game is insatiable, his enthusiasm boundless, his commitment total, his discipline so perfect as to be almost saintly. A mean act from Sterling is as commonplace as an over-the-top tackle was from Bobby Charlton.

Kenny is the introverted character. He was reluctant at the end of Wigan's marvellous victory over Hull Kingston Rovers in the semi-finals to join his colleagues in a victory jig in front of the fans. He is not one for a fuss. If he were told that gold had been discovered in his back garden he might raise his eyebrows, but no more. The prospect of going to Wembley seemed to fill him with no more surprise than a visit to the local.

It is not that Kenny does not care or take things for granted — simply that he has an undemonstrative nature. He cares deeply. His whole approach to Rugby League speaks of a man who has mastered all the fundamentals. His involvement is not so absolute as Sterling's but when he does expode upon a game it is with the brilliance of a catherine wheel.

In an important League game against Hull KR, David Stephenson, whose centre play has ripened since the arrival of Kenny, was mortified at the end of the match —even though victory had been secured because he had dropped a pass from Kenny when in a good position. "It's bad enough dropping passes any time," said Stephenson, "but it's terrible dropping them off this man because he never gives you a bad one."

Common to both is a maturity that would be hard to find in British players of similar ages. Sterling is a superb tactician as well as a natural organiser. He showed in this exhilarating semi-final with Castleford that there is scarcely an aspect of his game that cannot withstand the closest scrutiny.

He is self-mocking about his own lack of pace and yet over short distances he can make the most devastating little darts. His kicking against Castleford put poor Roockley under cruel pressure, and it was Sterling who constantly dictated the tactics. But his great qualities are his exemplary attitude, concentration, his availability, his ceaseless involvement, his courage, the remorselessness of his tackling and the accuracy of his passing.

On the 1982 tour he misplaced a pass in the final match, the last Test at Headingley, and that was possibly the only serious mistake he made in all his time in England.

Kenny is an organiser, too, but his strength is his facility for transforming a match by virtue of his blistering pace. Charles Christian, the Australian journalist and broadcaster writing in Open Rugby, described Kenny as "a gift to Rugby League". He is, he says, "first-class quality through and through . . . a player who can break a tight game with a jinking run through bedazzled defenders."

Kenny and Sterling are the best possible examples of the Australian system of Rugby League, which from tender years infuses youngsters with good habits. They were also fortunate to play in a Parramatta side under Jack Gibson, the guru of Australian Rugby League, at whose feet Phil Larder, the national director of coaching, is now sitting and learning.

Gibson has now left Parramatta but his influence on Kenny and Sterling was profound. "He understands players better than anyone I know," says Sterling, an opinion echoed by Kenny. "Gibson knew how to talk to every different player in a way that would get through to him."

Gibson no doubt would be keen to know how his former pupils fare on English Rugby League's most illustrious day. It is a fair bet that they will distinguish themselves for Kenny and Sterling have scarcely failed to do that in a single game so far. It's just a pity that one of them will have to take a loser's medal back home to Sydney.

Fare from the freezer with a capacity to warm

'Hull and Wigan are the best supported teams in the business — both sides lay emphasis on skill, artistry and open play, and within impressive team frameworks they contain brilliant individuals'

IN ONE of those "player profiles" to which club programmes are so partial these days, Neil Courtney was asked which person in the world he would most like to meet. Answer: Churchill.

It is an ambition that might be fulfilled another day, another place. Within more realistic reach for the Wigan open-side prop is a Silk Cut Challenge Cup winner's medal which he could pick up against Hull at Wembley this afternoon.

Courtney was not in the Wigan side which lost to Widnes 19-6 a year ago. He arrived at Central Park from Warrington during a spell of weather so severe that the club were unable to get his registration papers to league headquarters in time to play him in the cup campaign.

No doubt he was bitterly disappointed to miss Wembley but he probably felt less despondent at 4.30 that afternoon, by which time Wigan had completed a performance that almost brought their coach Alex Murphy to apoplexy and the players to plum silence. Scarcely a man fulfilled his potential and Graeme West, Wigan's captain, remembers a feeling "of complete desolation" as he left the pitch at the end.

What made the defeat so much worse was the remarkable support they were given by Wigan followers, who must have outnumbered the Widnes contingent by five to one at least; and they still turned out in their thousands when the side returned empty-handed and contrite to Wigan the following day. It was a reception that the players agreed they scarcely deserved.

Some players are never given the chance to make amends. Poor Don Fox will have to carry the memory of that missed kick for Wakefield in 1968 like a permanent scar; Derek Noonan will never forget the dropped pass that almost certainly cost St Helens victory against Leeds in that classic final of 1978. No opportunity now for those former admirable players to purge themselves of the anguish.

Sean Edwards, the youngest player to appear in a Wembley final, David Stephenson, Henderson Gill, Brian Case, and Graeme West, a surprisingly small number of survivors from last year, have been more fortunate. They have been given that second chance, and in a Wigan side which, under the dual control of Colin Clarke and Alan McInnes, is far superior to last year's.

But if Wigan have strong motives for wanting to give of their best, so do Hull. It is only two years since they were the victims of arguably the biggest upheaval of form in the history of the competition. Before that game Bob Ashby, the Featherstone chairman, described Hull as the best side outside Australia, and he then watched in delight — and privately admitted astonishment — as his side completed the unlikeliest of victories.

Hull failed too, against Hull KR in the final of 1980, and although they beat Widnes in an unforgettable replay at Elland Road in 1982 the satisfaction of winning at Wembley had again been denied them.

Both sides, then, know what it is to "freeze" at Wembley, and the feeling that neither side will allow that peculiar condition again to overtake them is another reason for believing that this final will fulfil the greatest expectations. Few finals in recent years have contained quite so many appetising ingredients as this one.

For a start, Hull and Wigan are the best supported teams in the business, and a capacity crowd — only the fifth at Wembley — of 97,500 reflects the appeal of this game; both sides lay emphasis on skill, artistry and open play, and within impressive team frameworks both sides contain some brilliant individuals.

The Australian influence will be considerable, For Hull the brothers-in-law, Peter Sterling and John Muggleton, will be at scrum-half and in the second row, while for Wigan the enviably gifted Kenny — a colleague of Sterling and Muggleton at Parramatta in Sydney — will be at standoff. Also, fascinatingly, John Ferguson will be on the right wing.

This Aborigine winger played for Wigan earlier in the season and won a reputation at Central Park as being the best in his position since the great Billy Boston.

His contract meant that he had to return home to Sydney in February, when Brian Juliff played so well in the semi-final against Hull KR it seemed that Wigan might not send for Ferguson. They have, and his presence is bound to lift Wigan while presenting Hull with considerable cause for anxiety.

The sides, though, could scarcely be more evenly matched, the only slight worry being that an overcrowded end to the season might have left them jaded. It will be a disappointment however, if Wigan and Hull do not provide a game to savour.

HULL		WIGAN
Kemble	1	Edwards
James	2	Ferguson
Evans	3	Stephenson
Leuluai	4	Donlan
O'Hara	5	Gill
Ah Kuoi	6	Kenny
Sterling	7	Ford
Crooks (c)	8	Courtney
Patrick	9	Kiss
Puckering	10	Case
Muggleton	11	West (c)
Rose	12	Dunn
Norton	13	Potter

Ref: R. Campbell (Widnes).

Paul Fitzpatrick

Playtime after the war games

Four days before the VE-Day anniversary, Frank Keating relates how sport came back from the war

VE-DAY, 1945, fell perfectly for the start of the cricket season. Indeed, in a normal peacetime year, that summer's tourists to England would have been at Worcester winging down the opening onion on Wednesday May 1 — the morning after the night that Hitler found himself terminally bunkered.

Lord's can seldom have moved so fast or with such joyful abandon. Within 10 days of England's VE parties, the MCC staged the first of the summer's five Victory Tests — three at headquarters and one each at Sheffield and Manchester. The Oval was still unravelling the barbed wire after serving as a clearing house for enemy POWs.

Altogether an astonishing 367,123 people watched the 14 days of Victory Cricket that summer. Wisden records that at Bramall Lane and Old Trafford, "German prisoners were paid three-farthings an hour for painting the buildings (outside) and putting certain parts of the bomb-scarred grounds in safe condition."

In the strictness of traditional seasons of those days, the winter ball games had to wait until the autumn of 1945 for their own particular celebrations. In soccer's case this took the form of an early-season tour by our allies from the East. Stalin sent over his Moscow Dynamos, in effect the full national team.

The Rugby Union entertained a New Zealand services side — the Kiwis — captained by Charlie Saxton, and in 27 games they lost only two in scoring 484 points to 141. But that was nothing to the sensation caused by the Dynamos.

Their first game against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge was watched by 82,000: they drew 3-3. More than 200,000 watched their three other games — Cardiff City 10-1, Arsenal 4-3, in a foggy farce, and 2-2 against Glasgow Rangers.

The Russians played, by all accounts, a riveting, deadpan, highly-developed, ruthlessly competitive game that thrilled half the vast throngs that attended — and chilled the other. The one-off fortnight left British soccer unheedful and it settled back complacent again in its own castle and not till the Hungarians came four years later did pride have its terrible fall.

The Russian team refused to eat British food and their embassy delivered picnics. They insisted on their own officials.

John Moynihan's classic memoir of the times, Soccer Syndrome, supplies an evocative sketch of the period and of that famous night at Stamford Bridge as he walked down the Fulham Road: "not the street of today, with boutiques and smooth dollies and smart little houses, but a battered, delapidated street with bomb sites and girls with dried milk eyes and emergency dairies lingering with rationed goods and faded Bisto posters on the walls and VD warnings ("A shadow on your future" and election slogans ("Vote Attlee") and faded pubs where Dylan Thomas used to drink with the snotty and undernourished.

In the 1914-18 war it had been unthinkably unpatriotic to indulge in games. Any active sportsman furtively found batting a ball was given the full white-feather treatment by the Home Front.

Wisden records that though the members' nets were put up at the Oval in the spring of 1915, "fellows did not use them much, being afraid of jeers from men on the top of passing tramcars."

But in the six years from 1939 sport was encouraged as part of the war effort and leading players were treated almost like entertainers in an ANSA troupe.

At Twickenham the first peacetime University Match attracted 45,000 people, including the King, Queen and Princess Elizabeth.

The officer class down there was still getting their calico shorts in a twist, however, for in the same month the Rugby Union gave in to a resolution from the Inter-Services Committee decreeing that "as long as National Service remained any person being called-up under the age of 19 might play Rugby Union football as an amateur provided he never again played Rugby League after enlistment."

Yet as I write I have before me a treasured match programme from a fixture played a year before VE-Day, on April 29, 1944 — the Rugby League versus the Rugby Union at Odsal Stadium. Very much Officers v Gentleman stuff. The Union prop was Captain R. E. Prescott and the flanker was Flt. Lieut. R. G. H. Weighill. Both, of course, went on to become secretaries of the RFU — but they did not ban themselves. "It was wartime, old boy." But infection is still infection!

Innocent days. VE-Day came and went and then, with the first atomic on Hiroshima, came VJ-Day.

It meant little to the writer of the Chelsea programme and on the following Saturday his editorial boasted "If any intrepid airman is brave enough to stand up to the blast of 60,000 throats when the Pensioners start goalwards, he will see something which will make the atomic bomb look like a Xmas cracker."

Why Britain leads the way despite a splitting image

Benjamin Raphael looks at karate, a sport that has blossomed dramatically but which still retains its share of problems



FISTFUL OF AGGRESSION . . . the Karate Union of Great Britain practise at Crystal Palace for their national championships

Picture by Frank Martin

KARATE is like Christianity. Their histories have been so riven with disputes between rival sects that sometimes the objects of their devotion have been obscure.

This weekend British fighters compete in the European championships in Oslo with valid hopes since they are world team champions. Yet members of the Karate Union of Great Britain, probably the largest single organisation, will be absent. They are staging their own national championships at Crystal Palace, an event which also celebrates the 20th anniversary of the karate boom.

In 1965, when the first highly qualified Japanese settled in Britain, the sensei (masters) brought with them the tradition of unquestioning acceptance of their own teaching. This centres on distinct styles.

Some schools put emphasis on speed, others on strength like those of Oyama, who used to fight bulls bare-handed, or Yamaguchi, who flourished by sitting under waterfalls. Often the techniques of kicking, punching, and striking slightly differed. These distinctions have not only remained but multiplied.

When members disagreed, technically or politically, with their own ruling body they simply set up their own organisation. Arguments between the rival groups have often equalled in aggression the activity in contests. One leading Oriental instructor set up one style, and then, dissatisfied, established a new one. He is amusingly referred to as the only man to have broken away from himself — karate's equivalent of nuclear fission.

The Martial Arts Commission, who are recognised by the government for grant purposes, are an umbrella organisation of 16 governing bodies with a total of 84,000 members which include Tae-Kwon-Do and Kung Fu, the Korean and Chinese equivalents of karate. The largest of these 14 is the English Karate Council who in turn have 15 constituent member organisations. The labyrinth seems endless.

Yet, despite this, Britain has been stunningly successful in international events. Britain's team coach, "Ticky" Donovan, insists that competitors forget their style differences when they gather for squad training but he agrees it is a "shame people are missing."

No fighter from the KUGB who practise Shotokan, the most popular style and based on rigorous technique, has represented Britain since 1981. They compete in championships organised by a rival world governing body.

The British team would have liked to have used Crystal Palace this week for their pre-European championship training. But it had been booked by the KUGB for a course attended by 250 members.

Britain's success under Donovan has been partly due to the consistent prowess of black fighters. "They take to karate like ducks to water," he says. The speed, length of leg and natural movement have often overwhelmed the Japanese who, curiously enough, are not ideally built for a sport they first developed 70 years ago. The typically squat Japanese is more suited to judo.

British fighters have also adjusted their training to suit competition rules. By any standard these are unsatisfactory. Since many of the blows are lethal, fighters have to "pull" their punches and kicks, but still demonstrate to watching officials the validity of the technique.

If a fighter is ruled to have failed to control a blow and actually hits an opponent then he is disqualified. Sometimes a competitor lying unconscious is judged the winner — although he is is no physical condition to continue to the next round.

Controversy is constant — even without any possible bias of officials from rival styles. In one notorious incident at the 1975 world championships a Frenchman, Dominique Valera, the finest fighter of his era, was so upset with a series of decisions that he attacked three British officials. He was finally led from the arena at gunpoint — given his ability this was a necessary precaution — and banned from competition for life.

Donovan recognises that many leading fighters are training purely for competitive techniques rather than practising karate as a martial art. Steve Cattle, one of the last KUGB competitors to take part in a genuinely all-British team agrees.

"Some techniques are banned from competition — kicks to the leg for instance. And not everything that will score you a point in a contest would necessarily put you away in a real fight. The Japanese are not depressed when they get beaten — because it's a contest not a proper fight."

Judo, Cattle says, was designed as a sport not as a martial art. Karate hovers between the two. This uncertainty of role combined with the proliferation of styles under two world governing bodies has meant that karate has yet to get Olympic recognition. In Britain, says Paula Mitchell, assistant secretary of the Martial Arts Commission, this has also meant that sponsorship and financial support have been diffused.

Karate has had an extraordinary development over the last 20 years but many of the same problems remain to be solved. This suitably reflects the purpose of karate, a life of constant struggle. As one instructor put it: "There is no end to training. Once you begin to feel you are masters you are no longer on the path you are to follow."

David Davies reports from Milan

Parkin play is no joke

GOLF

Philip Parkin set out for the second round of the Italian Open yesterday with the overriding desire "not to do anything outrageous." For once in the short but colourful career of this former Shropshire amateur, he did not.

He played what was, in his words, "a thoroughly boring round" which was also a thoroughly professional one, and after another 68 he was eight under par and only four shots behind the leader, Sam Torrance, and one behind last week's winner of the Spanish title, Manual Pinero.

Parkin has not yet completed a full year as a professional but Mark James's 155 after yesterday's round afterwards generously that Parkin could well short-circuit the usual two-year learning process on the European tour. "It could even be a matter of weeks," he said.

Parkin clearly has the ability but what has been lacking, on his own admission, is the attitude. "I enjoy it all too much," he said yesterday. "Playing golf for money has also seemed to me to be a joke, and a good joke at that. But I realised I had to change three weeks ago playing for Wales in the World Cup qualifying round in Venice.

"Play was stopped because of hail so I went into the clubhouse and called my management group. The first thing they said was 'how many holes have you got to play' and I told them three, and they said I'd better birdie them because I was spending more money than I was earning."

Parkin duly birdied the last, won the event for his country and $10,000 for himself, and went on to win $4,000 last week in Houston with 24 birdies in the four rounds, more than the winner Ray Floyd, although he finished only four under par.

He has been pulling his own clubs on the trolley. A good caddie, though, might have prevented him from trying to hit a seven iron 170 yards at the long fourth, duffing it completely, and then seeing the ball bounce 30 yards short of the green, bobble onto the putting surface, and provide him with two comfortable putts for a birdie.

Torrance again had 30 putts, hardly a meagre ration in a 67 or a 65, and looked comfortable in the lead. After driving into a bunker at the long seventh he took a five iron and hit it 210 yards to within eight feet. He deserved the eagle putt for his audacity, but it lipped out.

Lyle's driving, so impressive in the States, has once again deserted him, and with that infuriating but invariable inversion of form his putting has come back.

Severiano Ballesteros birdied the last two holes to remain in touch, six behind, while Roger Chapman had six birdies in succession, from the second to the seventh, giving him his best start ever in a European tournament.

Mark Howell having holed in one at the fifth on Thursday and won £1,000 from J and B Whiskey, Gerolamo Delfino did the same thing at the 16th yesterday and won the same £1,000, plus a £40,000 Lamborghini.

Liz Kahn at Woburn

Marvin's pressure point

A contest of tense matchplay developed in the bitterly cold conditions of the third round of the £20,000 Ford Classic at Woburn yesterday. Vanessa Marvin from Yorkshire took a two-shot lead with a 73 and six-under-par total of 219 when Australian professional Corinne Dibnah nervously stabbed at three putts from 12 feet, for a double bogey at the final hole that left her with a 77 and a 221 total.

Miss Marvin, 30, admitted to feeling the pressure, which was increased as she had not been in a winning position for a long time, her one professional victory being in 1979

Her incentive to victory this week is avowedly financial, she said: "I haven't any sponsorship. I'm poor and I need the money." Her previous substantial injection of income occurred in 1983 when she holed in one for £10,000 and won nearly £7,000 in prize money.

Miss Dibnah, also on a financial shoestring, said she got annoyed with iron shots that strayed to the right, played "garbage" over the final six holes

Gillian Stewart dropped back to three under with her 73 which included a seven at the first where she went out of bounds. Muriel Thomson pulled up to fourth after five birdies in her 74.

FORD WOMEN'S CLASSIC (Woburn) — Leading 3rd round scores (GB and Irish unless stated): 219—V. Marvin 75, 71, 73. 221—C. Dibnah (Aus) 70, 74, 77. 222—G. Stewart 73, 74, 75. 223—M. Thomson 78, 71, 74. 225—S. Hake 78, 72, 75. 226—S. Lewis 80, 73, 73; A. Nicholas, 77, 71, 78. 227—S. Moon (US) 77, 76, 74; S. Pignon 75, 74, 78; K. Douglas 73, 75, 79. 228—F. Dassu (It) 76, 76, 76; M. McDougall (US) 78, 73, 77. 230—R. Hunt 80, 77, 73. 231—J. Lee Smith 74, 79, 78. 232—J. Forrest 78, 76, 78; P. Conley 81, 78, 73.

RUGBY UNION

David Frost

Scots in tune for sevens

THIS AFTERNOON some 40,000 or 50,000 spectators are expected to converge on Twickenham for the season's traditional final flourish, the Middlesex Sevens, won last year by London Welsh who will be all the keener to win again following their defeat in last week's John Player Cup final.

Six hours of spectacular rugby, with the first match at 12.30 and the final scheduled for 6.20, invariably provide the crowds with their money's worth. One of the hardest matches for the Welsh could well be their first-round meeting with Harlequins who, at their best, can play scintillating sevens.

The two guest sides this year are Nottingham, who have raised their level of performance so impressively over the last few years, and Gala, from Scotland. In fact there will be two Scottish teams on parade because Heriot's are returning as last year's beaten finalists. The Scots have been playing sevens at home throughout April, and it would be no surprise if one of their two sides were to win this afternoon.

The 16 teams in today's event include four less fashionable clubs who have won their way through to Twickenham from the preliminary rounds. Old Reigatians, Eton Manor, West London Institute (formerly Borough Road), and Streatham-Croydon can be sure of a hearty welcome and vociferous support as they attempt to continue their giant-killing.

FIRST ROUND.—Heriot's v. Old Reigatians, London Irish II v. Wasps II, Eton Manor v. Wasps, Gala v. Saracens II, Nottingham v. Streatham-Croydon, Blackheath v. Rosslyn Park, West London Institute v. Rosslyn Park II, Harlequins v. London Welsh.

Robert Armstrong on today's programme

Everton seek Blue double

SOCCER

FORECASTS that Everton would become bogged down in a morass of May fixtures on three different fronts appear to have been greatly exaggerated. The League leaders, 11 points clear of Manchester United, are now so close to winning the championship that their last six games may be relevant only to their opponents in the lower reaches of the First Division.

If Everton defeat Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough today, then only Liverpool have the games in hand to remain theoretically in contention. But Howard Kendall's side will become champions for the first time since 1970 if they win and their Merseyside rivals fail to beat Chelsea at Anfield. No club could then surpass Everton's total of 81 points.

Such a denouement to the title race would be richly ironic, given the lopsided balance of power between these rivals for the greater part of two decades. this season Everton have emulated the consistency that made Liverpool the leading club in Europe, picking up 36 of their 78 points in away games and conceding a single goal en route to the Cup Winners Cup final which takes place on May 15.

By the time the Blues meet Manchester United in the FA Cup final on May 18, they will have two trophies in their showcase provided Rapid Vienna receive their just desserts in Rotterdam. No club culd ask for a more morale-boosting platform from which to attempt the first domestic double since Arsenal achieved the feat in 1971.

Of course, Wednesday, minds firmly focused on a place in Europe, will be fiercely committed to delaying Everton's celebrations for another few days at least. The Yorkshire club who give Shirtliff and Worthington late fitness tests, have drawn 14 League games this season, half at Hillsborough. The return of Reid and Sheedy after injury should help Everton extend their unbeaten sequence to 26 games.



BY THE LEFT . . . Kevin Sheedy returns today as Everton march quickly on the title

United's players competing for a Cup Final place, will be anxious to impress Ron Atkinson at Norwich after taking just two points from their last three games. But Norwich, who must choose between Mendham and Barham, recovered from a pulled hamstring, are in desperate need of points to avoid being drawn into the relegation zone. Stapleton and Brazil are challenging for a place in United's attack.

It will be intriguing to see whether Tottenham continue their disastrous run of home defeats against lowly Coventry at White Hart Lane. Peter Shreeves includes his left-back Hughton after an absence of seven games with damaged knee ligaments.

Arsenal's intermittent drive for Europe may receive a setback at Kenilworth Road, where Luton welcome back their top scorer Harford after suspension. The Hatters face four games in eight days which will determine their future. Arsenal's manager Don Howe brings back Davis in place of Williams, who begins a two-match ban.

Another talented but struggling side, Ipswich, can expect no favours at the Dell where Southampton seek a strong finish in their last four games to see them into Europe. The Saint persevere with Townsend at left-back in place of Dennis, whose leg wound h as not healed properly.

The Milk Cup finalists, Sunderland, look certain to join Stoke in the Second Division even if they defeat Aston Villa at Roker Park. With only three games left, Len Ashurst restores Agboola in place of the suspended Chisholm and drafts Gayle into attack

Elsewhere, Rush returns to the Liverpool attack against Chelsea after a four-game absence with a knee injury; Tommy Docherty, complaining of "15 years of neglect" by Wolverhampton, takes his team to Brighton knowing that defeat will send them into the third division for the first time in 61 years; and Birmingham will be back in the First if they beat Cardiff at St Andrew's.

JOHN MORTIMORE, Southampton's assistant manager, has accepted an offer to manage Benfica for the second time. He will leave the Dell at the end of the season after six years as Lawrie McNenemy's deputy. In his first spell with Benfica, Mortimore led them to the Portuguese championship in 1977. Mortimore has had two spells with Southampton, originally working as Ted Bates' assistant.



SOCCER DIARY

Patrick Barclay

Speaking from the heart

THERE CAN be few more homely World Cup venues than Wrexham, where the slaughter of Spain was accompanied by a succession of unusual loudspeaker announcements.

The crowd figure, for instance, was coupled with a tribute to the turnstile operators, without whom . . . But I particularly liked this first-half exhortation: "The police tell us that some of you are chanting for your own clubs instead of your country — let's have encouragement for Wales." And at the end, his wish amply fulfilled, the announcer couldn't resist the temptation to plug "Wales's premier venue."

Those whose hearts are with Scotland have no place in the argument about whether September's crunch should take place in Wrexham or Cardiff. But I'd guess that Jock Stein, having experienced this week's atmosphere, would not be too disappointed if the Welsh FA went for a money-spinner at the Arms Park.

WHO IS Mark Hughes's favourite actor? As if it were not clear enough from the way Senor Gotoches became another notch on his belt, Tuesday's match programme provided confirmation. It is, of course, Charles Bronson.

AMONG many seeking to explain the Celtic bob-hat phenomenon, observed at Goodison and other First Division grounds, is Cardew (The Cad) Robinson. "I always thought the link was a religious one," he writes, "in that Celtic were always considered the Catholic team and Everton had more Catholic supporters than Liverpool."

The truth, according to my mountain of mail, is rather more complicated and the implications perhaps a shade less sinister. But I'll deal with the matter in detail next week. In the meantime, heartfelt thanks to all who wrote so kindly as well as informatively.

The least I can do is comply with Cardew's instructions to mention his beloved Wealdstone, on the threshold of a Gola League and FA Trophy double, he also supports Alloa Athletic and claims to have distinguished his playing career by scoring the only landmine-assisted goal. "It was in 1942, for HQ 11 Group RAF against the RAF Police. As I took a corner, a parachute mine which had dropped on the camp during the night — almost killing our inside right, Lewis Gilbert, the film director — was exploded by the disposal people a few fields away. There was a gigantic bang and everyone stood stock still, including the goalkeeper, over whose head my corner kick sailed into the net."

SUPPORTERS of some Italian clubs have devised a clever way of indicating discontent. Even Fiorentina, of the First Division, have suffered. Recently they emerged from the tunnel to total silence, which the popular end maintained throughout another disappointing afternoon. It might work here. Admittedly some of our customers cannot keep their foul mouths shut when asked to show a pre-match mark of respect. But a mark of disrespect? That could be different.

FURTHER TALES of the wild West: Ruan Minor, of the Falmouth Helston League, Second Division, accused of walking off when a fight broke out near the end of a 3-1 defeat at Mawnan, claim that they thought the referee, Maureen Jones, had abandoned the match; a spokesman for the same League, confirming that a player had punched the referee during a Barker Bowl clash between Nancegollan and St Keverne, explained that "a violent blow was aimed at the referee's jaw but he ducked and it hit him on the chest."

And if you think that sounds like a situation being turned on its head, pity Perranwell's David Fisher, who was fined £5 for laughing at a referee — apparently a spectator had cracked a joke — and then relieved of a further £20 by the Cornish FA after talking to the press. He had, it was said, brought the game into disrepute.

MOTOR CYCLING

Peter Clifford at Jarama

Spencer sets pace

Freddie Spencer set out to redress his defeat by Eddie Lawson in the South African Grand Prix and was fastest on the first day of timed practice for tomorrow's Spanish Grand Prix at Jarama on the outskirts of Madrid.

Spencer took the Rothmans Honda round the twisty two-mile circuit just ove half a second quicker than the world champion Lawson on his Marlboro Yamaha.

Third quickest was the Australian Wayne Gardner on a Honda Britain machine, while his team mate Ron Haslam was down in eighth place. The Langley Mill rider said that he had been testing new Dunlop tyres and would go quicker during final practice.

Rob McElnea from Brigg on Humberside was seventh even though his Skoal Bandit Suzuki is not really suited to the circuit, which requires bottom-end power rather than flat-out speed. He has received some special parts and information from Japan which has made the bike a little more competitive than in South Africa.

The surprise of practice is the Japanese works Honda rider Takazumi Katayama, who was fourth after missing almost all of last season through injury and not riding in South Africa for political reasons.

While six of the top ten riders are on Rothmans Hondas only Spencer rides the V-4, and even he also practised on the older three-cylinder machine as he may wish to race that. The choice will be made late today but the factory want him to ride the four.

Mike Miller previews the Heineken Championships

Fife have the final edge

ICE HOCKEY

Winning the league in British ice hockey is not enough, as Durham have already discovered, After 36 games, the Wasps finished top of the Premier Division, but today they will be sitting in the Wembley Arena stand enviously watching four teams that finished below them fight it out for ice hockey's most prestigious prize, the Heineken Championship.

After six gruelling months, the season rested on two three-team quarter-final groups drawn from the league's top six. And if you are not one of the four that make it through that to Wembley, you haven't made it at all.

Since ice hockey's return three years ago as a national sport linking Scotland and England, a trip to the championships has meant enjoying the pleasure of losing to the Dundee Rockets.

But this year the premature retirement of Roy Halpin, the game's most prolific scorer, helped end the Dundee dynasty and Durham took over. Having won the league and cup, they were expected to continue to emulate Dundee and win the championships too.

It was inconsistent Streatham who ended Durham's dream. The Redskins went to Durham and caused the biggest upset of the last quarter century, winning 9-2 and ending the Wasp's record-setting unbeaten home run at 39 games.

In today's first semifinal, Streatham meet Fife, this year's runners-up. Fife lost 6-4 to Durham in the cup final

In the play-offs, with Durham safely in the other group, Fife were the only team to win all four of their games.

In Dave Stoyanovich, Fife have Roy Halpin's successor as league top scorer. Streatham will probably try to neutralise him using the same tactics that worked against Durham.

Today's other semi-final pits the Ayr Bruins against the Murrayfield Racers, both of whom were at Wembley last season. These two are made for each other. Murrayfield like to attack and Ayr like to counter.

Murrayfield's advantage is Tony Hand, the most gifted home-grown player in Britain. Each team is allowed three imports who are usually Canadian, but with Hand, Murrayfield effectively have four.

If all goes according to form, Fife should just have the edge over Murrayfield in tomorrow's final.

Why British ice fails to catch fire

Ian Tennant looks through Canadian eyes at the game's problems over here

Ice hockey, which reaches a climax in Britain with the Heineken Championship at Wembley Arena this weekend could become Britains fastest growing sport.

Yet in many ways it is surprising the sport survived at all in Britain. As a Canadian, former — briefly — ice hockey professional and, until recently, Southampton Vikings player, I can try to explain this paradox.

Britain's version of Canada's unofficial national sport is saddled with horrendous officiating that at times makes even the most seasoned fan shake his or her head in wonder.

Take one incident, which finished a Vikings player at Durham who landed nose-first on the ice. When a player is hurt it is usually up to the referee as to whether play should be stopped.

On this occasion the player, flat out on the ice, was clearly in pain. But the referee allowed play to continue for nearly a minute—a long time in situations like this—allowing Durham to score. Even Wasps' fans jeered the referee

Referees can also control the tempo — and tempo is ice hockey's greatest asset. At its best, the game can combine the passing finesse and quickness of soccer and the ruggedness of rugby.

But a good, fast-moving match can turn into a ugly slug-fest if an official makes a one-sided call. That is something Scottish officials are notorous for.

The British League is also hampered by owners who want to make a pound but do not want to spend one to do so. Many are interested only in their own backyards and not the sport in general. But prospective investors with better intentions would have to cope with some extremely poor facilities.

Ayr Bruins' home, for example, is actually a curling arena with a ceiling no more than 12 feet from the ice. It is a house rule here that the puck is still in play if it bounces off the hanging tiles of pressed woodchips.

To its credit, the British Ice Hockey Association has survived for more than 40 years since the influx of Canadian talent during the Second World War and will probably survive another 40 without ever reaching the plateau enjoyed by soccer.

But the game here needs more than survival. More fans mean more money and, hopefully, a higher quality of play.

HOCKEY

Patrick Rowley

Early win for Wales

Wales, like Scotland and Ireland, would love qualifying for the hockey World Cup to be as straightforward as it is in soccer. To join England in next year's sixth World Cup at Willesden, the other home countries have each to take part in no less than three separate qualifying competitions.

Wales started out on the long road to Willesden yesterday, beating Switzerland 3-0. Today they meet Belgium.

In June, Ireland take on Italy and Gibraltar in Dublin and Scotland, because of Sweden's withdrawal, have straight matches with France

The winners of those three qualifying groups then have to meet in Spain in October to fill the two places offered to Europe in the Intercontinental Cup in Barcelona, October 11-20, which is itself the qualifying event for the World Cup.

It would be remarkable if England have British company at the World Cup, for only five countries go forward from the Continental Cup and they already include such formidable sides as Spain, New Zealand, Poland, Malaysia

The team with the right footwear could win the Inter-League Championship at Prescot this weekend. The Prescot Club, from the NW Third Division, have proved the most enthusiastic of organisers but have the same problem that beset the organisers at the World Cup venue of Willesden — namely an artificial pitch without watering facilities.

The Hightown Club played there this week and most of their players found their feet sticking while Austin Savage, the former GB goalkeeper, had all sorts of problems. All of which is a great pity since, somewhat ironically with the withdrawal of Trumans as sponsors, the championship promises to be the best-ever.



BRIDGE

Rixi Markus

I TOOK a combined Parliamentary bridge team to Morocco, where they were entertained by bridge-playing members of the Moroccan legislature. One of the star performers in the victorious Moroccan team was my old friend David Amar — we once won the mixed pairs in Casablanca — and he defended with great skill to defeat a slam on the following hand.

NORTH
♠ 8
♥ A 10 8 6 5 3
♦ J 10 8 3
♣ A 7

WEST
♠ 10 5 3
♥ J 7 4
♦ A
♣ K Q 8 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 6 4
♥ Q 9 2
♦ Q 7 5 2
♣ J 10 9 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 7 2
♥ K
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2S	NB	3H	NB
4S(1)	NB	6S	NB
NB	NB		

(1) South's jump rebid in a forcing situation shows a solid suit: i.e. a suit that should play for no loser opposite a void.

David Amar, who held the West cards, led the king of clubs to dummmy's ace. Declarer immediately ran the jack of diamonds from dummy, and West won with the ace.

As you can see, if West attempts to cash his queen of clubs at this stage, the slam will be made. South will ruff, draw trumps and cross to dummy by overtaking the king of hearts with the ace in order to repeat the diamond finesse.

However, David Amar rose to the occasion by finding the killing switch to a small heart after winning with the ace of diamonds. South had to win with the ace in dummy and repeat the diamond finesse, but West was able to ruff and exit with a trump to defeat the contract by two tricks.

The only disappointing aspect of the trip was the bridge-playing performance of our combined Parliamentary team: our Moroccan hosts were much too good. But we were already looking forward to the next trip to Gothenburg where we met the Swedish and Norwegian Parliamentary teams. We had managed to defeat the Swedes in our previous two encounters, but on this occasion we could beat neither Swedes nor Norwegians.

The best individual performance from a British Parliamentarian in Morocco was probably by Dr John Marek. Here is a hand on which he displayed good technique and expert timing.

NORTH
♠ K J 9
♥ Q 5 4
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ J 7 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 5
♥ K 9 6 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K 10 8 2

EAST
♠ A 6 4 3
♥ J 10 8
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 9 5
♣ A Q 6 4

Dr Marek was the declarer in 1NT, and West led the two of hearts to the ten and ace. South played a small club to dummy's jack, which held, and then a small diamond to his nine, which also held the trick. A small spade to dummy's jack lost to the ace, and East returned a heart to his partner's king. West exited with a third heart, and South now led the jack of diamonds to the queen and ace. When the eight of diamonds appeared from West, declarer continued with another diamond to the dummy's seven and East's king.

East should probably have returned a club at this point, but he exited "safely" with his last diamond. West, who was down to the queen-ten of spades, the king-ten of clubs and the last heart, was squeezed. He was forced to discard his winning heart, whereupon Dr Marek threw him in by playing the king and another spade. West was compelled to return a club into South's ace-queen tenace, and declarer had amassed no fewer than nine tricks: one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and three clubs.

HERTOGENBOSCH, in the Netherlands, is celebrating its 800th anniversary this year by staging an international bridge festival under the title Int. Oce Bridge Tournament 800, from Friday, May 31, until June 2, inclusive. About 250 pairs from many bridge countries will participate. For further details contact: Drs M. J. Rood, de Haasekker 14, 5258 KT Berlicum, Netherlands. Tel: 04103-2325.

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THE WEEKEND'S SPORTS FIXTURES IN DETAIL

CANON LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION
(Kick-off 3.0 if not stated)

Liverpool v. Chelsea (11.30)
Luton v. Arsenal (11.30)
Norwich v. Manchester Utd
Notts Forest v. Watford
QPR v. Leicester
Sheffield Wed v. Everton
Southampton v. Ipswich
Stoke v. Newcastle
Sunderland v. Aston Villa
Tottenham H v. Coventry
WBA v. West Ham Utd

GOLA LEAGUE (not 3p soccers). — Bath v. Runcorn, Enfield v. Kidderminster, Kettering v. Wealdstone, Maidstone v. Scarborough, Northwich Vic v. Barnet, Weymouth v. Frickley Ath, Worcester v. Nuneaton. Tomorrow: Dagenham v. Gateshead (11.0).

HITACHI CUP. — Final, First Leg: Farnborough v. Wycombe.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Bognor Regis v. Harlow, Carshalton Ath v. Hitchin, Epsom & E. v. Croydon, Tooting & M. v. Walthamstow, Wokingham v. Leytonstone & I, Worthing v. Bishop's Stortford.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Chelsea v. Birmingham (2.15), Reading v. Swansea, Tottenham v. Fulham (at Chesham, 11.0), Watford v. Millwall, West Ham v. Southampton (2.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. — Buxton A v. Bangor, Goole v. Horwich, Marine v. Morecambe, Oswestry v. Grantham, Rhyl v. Matlock, S Liverpool v. Chorley, Southport v. Buxton, Witton v. Stafford, Worksop v. Macclesfield (11.30).

BASS IRISH CUP. — Final: Glentoran v. Linfield (at The Oval, Belfast).

GREAT SKILLS WESTERN LEAGUE. — Cup-Final: Bideford v. Dawlish.

SECOND DIVISION

Birmingham v. Cardiff
Blackburn v. Portsmouth
Brighton v. Wolverhampton
Crystal Palace v. Middlesbrough
Fulham v. Barnsley
Huddersfield v. Sheffield Utd.
Manchester City v. Oldham
Oxford Utd v. Notts County
Shrewsbury v. Grimsby
Wimbledon v. Leeds

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: AP Leamington v. King's Lynn, Cheltenham v. Alvechurch, Folkestone v. Fareham, Gloucester v. Willenhall, Hastings v. Welling, Witney v. Crawley. Midland Division: Bromsgrove v. Redditch, Coventry S v. Bridgnorth, Dudley v. Stourbridge, Leicester Utd v. Forest Gn, Oldbury v. VS Rugby, Wellingboro' v. Banbury. Southern Division: Ashford v. Erith and B, Camb City v. Woodford (at Woodford), Canterbury v. Poole, Chatham v. Andover, Gosport v. Salisbury, Sheppey v. Dorchester, Thanet v. Dunstable, Tonbridge v. Basingstoke, Waterlooville v. Dover.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP. — Final: East Riding v. Middlesex (2.30, Doncaster Rovers).

FA SUNDAY CUP. — Final, Replay: Avenue (Birkenhead) v. Hobbies (Dereham) (Treasurers Rovers).

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES' LEAGUE (11.0): West Ham v. Fulham (Chadwell Hth), Chelsea v. Portsmouth (Harlington), Watford v. Millwall (Woodside), Norwich v. Charlton (Trowse), Gillingham v. Tottenham (Brompton), QPR v. Southend (Loftus Rd), Cambridge Utd v. Orient (Parson Rd). Second Division: Wimbledon v. Crystal Palace (Raceburn).

TOMORROW

CENTRAL LEAGUE. — First Division: Sheffield Utd v Barnsley (2.0).

THIRD DIVISION

Bradford City v. Reading
Brentford v. Preston NE
Bristol City v. Bournemouth
Cambridge Utd v. Plymouth
Gillingham v. Lincoln
Millwall v. Bolton
Newport v. Bristol Rovers
Orient v. Derby
Swansea v. Burnley
Walsall v. Hull City

LONDON SENIOR CUP. — Final: Bromley v. Fisher (Dulwich Hamlet).

NORTH-WEST COUNTIES' LEAGUE: Accrington v. Winsford, Eastwood v. Penrith, Formby v. Skelmersdale, Glossop v. Birkenhead, Lost v. Leyland, Nelserfield v. Congleton, Prescot Cables v. Caernarfon, Radcliffe v. Fleetwood.

Rugby League

SILK CUT CUP.—Final: Hull v Wigan (at Wembley).

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES.—Bridgend v. Ebbw Vale, Pontypridd v. Llanelli.
SEVENS.—Middlesex Tournament Finals (Twickenham, 12.30).

Athletics

OPEN MEETING.—Gateshead (1.30).
TOMORROW
GRE CUP.—First round (Stretford, 12.30).
UAU CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Crystal Palace NSC.

Snooker

ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.—Finals (Nottingham, today and tomorrow, 1.0).

Netball

JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS.—N. Ireland v. England, U-16 and U-21 (Harry Mitchell Rec Centre, 6.30 and 8.0).

FOURTH DIVISION

Aldershot v. Tranmere
Blackpool v. Torquay
Bury v. Wrexham (3.15)
Chester v. Stockport
Chesterfield v. Crewe
Darlington v. Port Vale
Peterborough v. Exeter
Scunthorpe v. Mansfield

Hockey

INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP (at Prescot Leisure Centre).—Isca v Cambridge City (9.45); Hesion v Olton (11.15). Slough v Isca (12.45); Olton v Grimsdyke (2.15); Cambridge v Slough (3.45); E Grinstead v Hesion (5.15). Tomorrow: 9.45, Final 2.30).
CENTENARY MATCH.—Edgbaston v GB XI (Prior Road, 4.0).
TOURNAMENT. — Eastcote (Men and Women (10.0).
TOMORROW
ATARI LONDON LEAGUE.—Premier Div.: Southgate v Beckenham (Wilsden).
CENTENARY MATCHES (Edgbaston HC).—Inter-Continental Cup, Qualifying Tournament (Brussels): Belgium v. Wales.

Road Running

TOMORROW
MARATHONS. — Sterrings (Southampton, 10.0), sca-Cola (Jersey), Norfolk, Telford.
HALF-MARATHONS.—Pearl Assurance AAA Race (Liverpool, 10.30). Dover.

Swimming

SCASA CHAMPIONSHIPS. — Crystal Palace NSC.

Motorcycling

MARLBORO CHAMPIONSHIP. — Brands Hatch (12.30).

Ice Hockey

HEINEKEN LEAGUE FINALS. — Wembley Arena, also tomorrow.

Karate

KUGB CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Crystal Palace NSC.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic v. Dundee
Dundee Utd v. Rangers
Hearts v. Aberdeen
Morton v. Hibernian
St Mirren v. Dumbarton

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v. East Fife
Clydebank v. St Johnstone
Falkirk v. Ayr
Kilmarnock v. Clyde
Meadowbank v. Hamilton
Motherwell v. Brechin
Partick Th v. Forfar

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Alloa v. Dunfermline
E. Stirlingshire v. Albion Rovers
Montrose v. Stenhousemuir
Queen of South v. Arbroath
Raith Rovers v. Berwick
Stirling Albion v. Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v. Queen's Park

GOLA LEAGUE

Altrincham v. Boston Utd
Barrow v. Yeovil
Dagenham v. Telford Utd
Dartford v. Gateshead

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Matthew Engel at Trent Bridge

Randall's riposte to Gooch

CRICKET

The two leading counties of 1984, Essex and Nottinghamshire, fought each other to a standstill like a pair of wearying Titans at Trent Bridge yesterday. It was an extraordinary match, which could have gone either way in the last hour, although Essex appeared to have sewn it up by lunchtime. In the end, both teams went *away with a draw*, contemplating the embryonic Championship Table and muttering incredulously "Glamorgan? Glamorgan!"

The emergence of the table-topping Taffs (as the tabloids will doubtless be calling them is only slightly harder to beleve than the turnaround here. At one stage, Nottinghamshire needing 344 to win, were 12 for three. They climbed back to finish at 302 for seven, having produced two excellent innings of their own, from Paul Johnson and dear old Randall, to counter the amazing batting of Gooch. On a normal day, any one of these would have been a match winner.

Gooch finished with 202, the fourth double century of his career and his third in barely 12 months. It took his total for the season to 584, not bad for May 3, though any thoughts of 1,000 before June can be pretty well forgotten: his next first-class match is not until the 22nd.

The statistics of Gooch's innings are intimidating. He scored 70 per cent of the runs while he was in at a run a minute with 32 fours and three sixes. His second 100 took only 67 balls, and yesterday Essex added 126 in 68 minutes before declaring.

Nottinghamshire were not bowling the traditional third innings rubbish to secure the declaration. Much of their bowling was pretty rubbishy, but that was not the intention. With Hadlee and Hemmings missing and neither Rice nor Cooper fully fit, Nottinghamshire are only a fraction of their formidable selves.

Gooch himself was less impressed with his batting than anyone else. But you can do no more than murder the opposition, and it is hard to imagine anyone in the world doing it any more convincingly.

After that Nottinghamshire were demoralised. Foster and Lever steamed in with the new ball and three high class batsmen departed: Robinson lbw, *pushing forward*, Broad caught at second slip off a lifter and Rice caught behind. Then both the pitch and the bowling seemed to go flat, and Johnson and Randall took over.

They put on 130 and Johnson, with 84, dominated the stand. He is just 20, a Newark lad who, with his raised bat and strength square of the wicket, appears to be heavily influenced by his captain Rice. Indeed, nearly all the Nottinghamshire batsmen stand like Rice now, except Randall, who has become almost as square as Peter Willey at the crease though, with his bowed head and nervy, respectful touch of the helmet before each ball, he now looks to have not so much a stance as a cower.

But he still hits the ball right. Long after Johnson had gone, Randall was there, reaching his century in just under three and a half hours, at which point he was starting to plunder the attack and making Nottinghamshire think they had a chance.

But the task was just beyond them. They needed 117 off the last 20 overs. Then when Randall drove to extra cover they turned to defence, and though Fletcher kept the game goin g u ntil t he bitter (for those in the open air) end. Birch stayed staunch, and the quarrel stayed unresolved.

Nottinghamshire's experiment of free admission for the opening match produced 63 new members and £1,450 in subscriptions. "It's been well and truly justified," David Seward, the club's marketing manager, said.

Cyril Chapman at Bristol

Lancs in quickly

Lancashire had to wait until August for their one and only Championship victory last season but this time they are quicker away from the starting grid.

They had most of the day to bowl Gloucestershire for less than 295 and, with six bowlers bearing an even brunt of the assault, accomplished their target with 74 runs and 13 overs to spare. Lancashire took 24 points from the match, Gloucestershire, five.

Allott was again the early scourge of Gloucestershire as he dismissed their openers for 19. The England bowler took a clever catch at short mid-on to send back Stovold and then had Romaines caught at second slip.

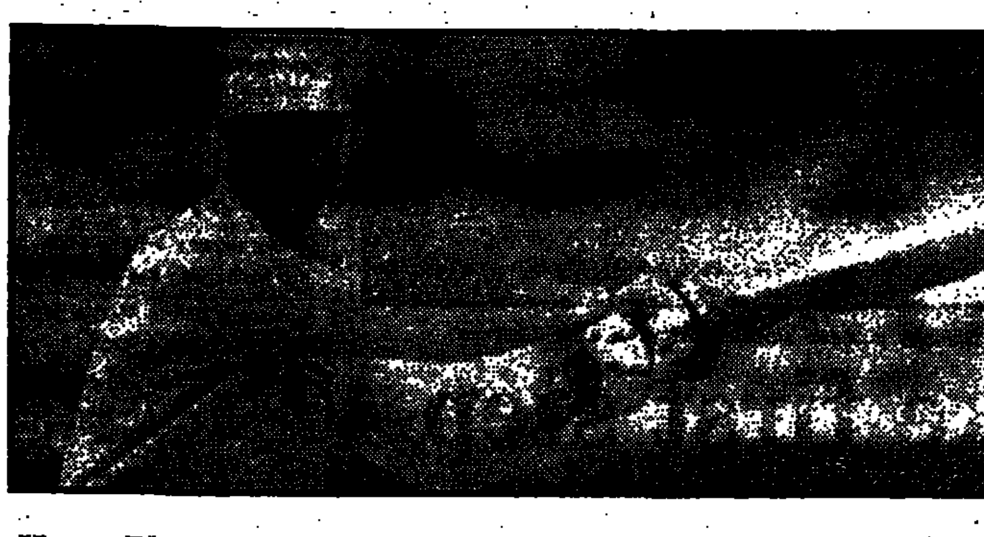
When Athey was bowled by O'Shaughnessy, and Davison run out by a grand throw from Fairbrother at third man, Lancashire, with four wickets gone for 50 runs, saw a quick victory beckoning. But Gloucestershire found the man for the hour in Bainbridge, who cracked a cheekbone on the first day but was still able to withstand considerable pressure for more than three hours.

Splendid backing came from Curran, whose satisfactory bowling debut was followed by 46 runs in the first innings, and now with 39 in the second. The fifth-wicket partnership yielded 84 runs despite the attention of the constantly varying Lancashire attack, which embraced a long spell of spin for the first time in the match.

Even when Allott had Curran lbw and Jefferies, who ended with four for 64, dismissed Bainbridge for 67, Gloucestershire were by no means down and out. Lloyds and Graveney added 44 in 10 overs and Lancashire were much relieved when Jefferies bowled Lloyds with a yorker that carried away the middle stump. Lloyds hit four successive fours in a bright innings which suggeted he will be a formidable asset in the coming one-day matches.

With Simmons using all his experience and guile to accomplish the final breakthrough, Gloucestershire were left to muse on yet another home defeat to go with the two with which they ended last season.

SNOOKER: The Embassy World Championship final in Sheffield between Steve Davis and last-ball champion Dennis Taylor attracted an audience of 18.5 million viewers to BBC 2 last Sunday.



Henry Blofeld at Canterbury

Cowdrey playing a captain's role

The third big partnership of the match, this time of 217 for the sixth wicket between Aslett and Cowdrey in the second innings saw Kent to safety at Canterbury. Earlier their fifth wicket had fallen at 46 when they were still 68 runs behind Surrey. At the end Kent were 262 for eight—173 runs ahead.

A draw was always the most likely result on this slow pitch, but Kent had put themselves under pressure by losing two wickets in the last over on Thursday night. On a bitterly cold morning yesterday they were soon in further trouble.

Only four more runs had been scored when Taylor pulled up after bowling his eighth ball of the day and went off with back trouble. Pauline was called up to finish the over, and Aslett was lbw playing no stroke at his first ball, which would probably have hit middle and leg. This was Pauline's first first-class wicket.

The fourth wicket fell when Tavare played forward to Pocock and was bowled by one which went on with his arm. In the next over Kent's Taylor played forward to the first ball of a new spell by Pauline and was yorked. Kent found themselves at 46 for five and close to defeat. It was now that Cowdrey joined Aslett and at once began to make it look as easy as he had done when scoring 159 in the first innings.

Runs came fast and there was a preponderance of boundaries. Once again the combination of a crisis and the responsibility of the captaincy brought the best out in Cowdrey. He scored his runs much as he had done in the first innings, hooking, cutting and driving and playing the ball off the front foot wide of mid on.

Aslett, a batsman for whom they have the highest hopes in Kent, timed the ball beautifully in his elegant, upright style. He drove handsomely on both sides of the wicket. Surrey had some more bad luck when Thomas, who has a slight back injury, went off feeling his knees, although like Taylor he returned later on.

Aslett reached his 100 soon after tea with a lovely straight drive for four off Jesty, but Cowdrey was out when five short of his second hundred of the match playing forward to Butcher. But by then he and Aslett had made the game safe for Kent. The umpires did well not to go off for bad light during the afternoon, and they both showed — Jameson and Kitchen — that they are not afraid to give the batsman out lbw on the front foot, which is no bad thing, and calls for courage these days.

Surrey have a lengthy injury list already this season and have re-signed Hugh Wilson, the fast bowler who left them two seasons ago for Somerset, where he also never quite made his point. He will be among those from whom the team is selected today at *the Oval*.

It is not yet known who Surrey have in mind as a replacement for their West Indian fast bowler Sylvester Clarke who will be out of action for the season with a back injury.

● A hamstring strain may force the West Indies pace bowler and vice-captain Michael Holding to miss the final Test against New Zealand beginning in Kingston today. He sustained the injury during the West Indians' 10-wicket win in the third Test. Holding will be doubly anxious to win his battle for fitness. He has hinted that he may retire after the current series.

Glamorgan go clear

Glamorgan's remarkable start to the Britannic Assurance Championship continued as they moved 16 points clear at the top of the table, making it two victories from two games with a nine-wicket success against Somerset at Taunton.

The unfashionable Welsh county. 13th last season, took just 95 minutes yesterday to add the scalp of Ian Botham's men to that of Surrey, against whom they achieved a rare victory at The Oval in their opening match.

Somerset, resuming eight runs ahead with only three second-innings wickets remaining, lost them for the addition of 33 runs, and Glamorgan scored the necessary 42 in 14 overs for the loss of John Hopkins.

● The Australian sports minister, John Brown, said in Perth yesterday that cricketers who go on a so-called rebel tour to South Africa should not be allowed to play in Australia again. He is adopting a hard line against the players who have signed contracts to tour South Africa and said Australia faces isolation in international sport.

"If the Australian Cricket Board allows this drain to go on, we'll be pushed out of international cricket. It will be Australian versus South Africa and nothing else," Brown said.

● Eddie Hemmings is set up to return for Nottinghamshire in today's Benson and Hedges Cup tie against Gloucestershire at Bristol after missing the start of the season with hamstring trouble. His fellow off-spinner, Peter Such, is out of the party of 12, which includes Kevin Evans as cover for Kevin Cooper, who hurt his back against Essex.

● Jonathan Agnew has still not recovered from a side strain suffered in a pre-season friendly and misses Leicestershire's match with Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Hugh Pym reports from a city basking in sporting success

Hull's treble chance

COACHES and trains began leaving Hull for the M1 at *5.30 this morning.* Most will be bound for Wembley Way but more than 8,000 fans will head for the Black Country.

For while Hull Rugby League club battle out the Challenge Cup final against Wigan, the port's other football club, Hull City, will clinch promotion to the Second Division for the first time in eight years if they beat Walsall.

Across the city Hull KR already have two trophies in the bag; the John Player Trophy and the championship. And next Saturday Rovers contest the Premiership, attempting to pull off a remarkable hat-trick.

Already the city council are planning a gala evening to celebrate what is regarded as Hull's year . . . a unique treble with honours for each major club. The tide of enthusiasm in this close-knit community contrasts starkly with the mood of the mid-70s.

Then both rugby league clubs languished for a time in the Second Division while Hull City dropped to the Fourth Division, and into the hands of the Receiver in 1981. Crowds fell off sharply and many questioned whether there was room for three professional clubs in a city of fewer than 300,000 people.

The rescue by a Scarborough entertainments magnate, Don Robinson, fired a burst of footballing passion in this rugby league stronghold. Robinson has made no secret of his ambition to take Hull City into the top league. Hull remains the largest city in England never to have seen First Division football.

Down the Boothferry Road at the Boulevard, Hull are now arguably the best supported rugby league club in the country. After pressure from the club, Rugby League officials had to allocate an extra 11,700 tickets to make it the biggest Challenge Cup final crowd ever.

The Airlie Birds have reached the final four times since 1980 but never won at Wembley — in 1982 they took the Cup after a replay against Widnes at Elland Road. They are desperate to bring some success to their faithful to match their East Hull rivals, Kingston Rovers. Gates at Craven Park, though, are always two or three thousand less than the average for Hull.

There is no love lost between the two rugby league clubs. Hull KR were desperately unlucky to lose against Wigan in a close semi-final; by the width of the elastic on Gary Clarke's shorts, according to a rueful chairman, Colin Hutton. The flying winger was hauled down in a try-saving tackle.

A Derby cup final this afternoon would have emptied the city centre. The last time Hull KR and Hull met at Wembley was five years ago and most shop keepers shut their doors for the afternoon. Scrawled on a motorway site outside the city was a message to the convoy of coaches: "Last one out, turn the lights off."

Maurice Hamilton at Imola

Senna speeds to the front again

MOTOR RACING

Ayrton Senna stayed the topic of racing conversation yesterday when he set the fastest time during the opening practice session for tomorrow's San Marino Grand Prix at Imola.

Senna's performance in leading the Portuguese Grand Prix from start to finish in pouring rain two weeks ago has marked the Lotus driver as one of the outstanding talents seen in recent years, and his lap time yesterday of 1 min 27.589 sec, 3/10ths of a second faster than the Ferrari of Michele Alboreto, has strengthened the reputation of the 25-year-old Brazilian.

Showing the maturity which has characterised his progress with JPS Lotus this year, Senna was unwilling to discuss his prospects for the third round of the championship. "We have a lot of work to do during the final qualifying session, never mind the race, just to ensure we keep ahead of the opposition," he said. "We haven't had time yet to think about things such as tyre wear and fuel consumption in the race."

Goodyear's qualifying tyre did not prove effective on the resurfaced 3.1 mile circuit yesterday, and Senna set his time using a harder compound normally reserved for the race. Alboreto did the same, but Keke Rosberg, third fastest, used qualifying tyres on his Williams-Honda. Rosberg's fastest lap was remarkable because a misfire took the top edge off the engine's performance.

The McLaren team took their *customary* place on the edge of the limelight, Alain Prost setting fourth fastest time with Niki Lauda seventh after their TAG turbo engines refused to run competitively with the boost turned up for a fast lap.

The McLarens were split by the Arrows of Gerhard Berger and Thierry Boutsen, the British team benefiting from changes to the rear suspension.

Nigel Mansell was the best placed British driver, his Williams-Honda setting ninth fastest time shortly before running out of fuel and leaving Mansell stranded out on the circuit for most of practice.

Derek Warwick struggled to qualify his Renault in 14th place when suspension adjustments after unofficial practice made the car almost undrivable.

Stefan Johansson was equally disappointed with 11th place after setting fastest time during unoffical practice in his Ferrari. A broken engine undertray and time lost while avoiding Nelson Piquet's spinning Brabham meant Johansson was over a second slower than expected.

Martin Brundle, using carbon fibre brakes for the first time on his Tyrrell, was 24th fastest, while a frustrating day for another English driver, Jonathan Palmer, culminated in a throttle cable breaking during his first lap of practice. Palmer did not record a time, and his Zakspeed completed only nine laps of unofficial practice thanks to engine trouble. He is hoping fervently that the rain forecast for the weekend does not arrive during final practice this afternoon.

FIRST PRACTICE.—1, A. Senna (Braz), Lotus Imla 27.589sec; 2, M. Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1-27.871; 3, K. Rosberg (Fin), Williams, 1-28.347; 4, A. Prost (Fr), McLaren, 1-28.604; 5, K. Berger (Aut), Arrows, 1-28.697; 6, T. Boutsen (Belg), Arrows, 1-28.829; 7, N. Lauda (Aut), McLaren, 1-29.413; 8, N. Piquet (Braz), Brabham, 1-29.427; 9, N. Mansell (GB), Williams, 1-29.756. Other British: 14, D. Warwick, Renault, 1-30.440; 24, M. Brundle, Tyrrell, 1-36.397.

David Irvine in Hamburg

Mecir proves a quick learner

TENNIS

None of yesterday's quarter-finals at the German Open lasted much more than an hour, but the first dry day of *the championship was not* without its surprises—the most notable being Miloslav Mecir's 6-2, 6-2 victory over Sweden's Joakim Nystrom, who had caused a minor earthquake of his own last month by beating John McEnroe in Dallas.

It was Ivan Lendl who frustrated the Swedes in Monte Carlo recently and, in his absence, the natural assumption in Hamburg had been that they would be the main beneficiaries. Mecir has offered a timely reminder that European success is not solely the preserve of the Scandinavians.

No one was particularly surprised that Mats Wilander should beat Guillermo Vilas 6-3, 6-0 or that Jose Luis Clerc should put an end to qualifier Jan Gunnarson's brave run with a workmanlike 6-4, 6-2 win. Henrik Sundstrom did confound the rankings, however, by beating second seed Andres Gomez 6-3, 6-0.

It was the confident manner of Mecir's victory, though, that made people sit up and take notice. "He was too fast for me. He played *too quickly* and he moved too quickly," admitted Nystrom.

Though only 20, the tall, bearded right hander has already had a remarkable run this year. He reached the finals of the US professional indoor championships and then won his first Grand Prix at Rotterdam in March. Even before that he had played a grass court final in Adelaide, evidence of his exceptional all-round ability.

His game is fascinating for its unpredictability. He looks totally relaxed, almost easy-going, but suddenly explodes a fearsome forehand, strokes a delicate drop shot or forces a drive-volley with such assurance that his opponent is left gasping.

"I'm getting to know more of the players now," he says. "That tells me how they will play and how I must play them." That he is learning rapidly is evident. He is already 25th in the world ranking and still rising.

Today Mecir faces Wilander. Sundstrom was perhaps the most impressive of the winners, however, and could yet take a title he missed in last year's final with Juan Aguilera.

● Jeremy Bates, Britain's fourth ranking tennis player, was given his semi-final by default against Peter Lundgren, of Sweden, in the Sutton tournament of the LTA spring tennis circuit yesterday, then ten minutes later had to win it the conventional way. Lundgren was disqualified after kicking his racket out of court, but was reinstated by the referee. Bates then went on to win 0-6, 6-1, 6-4.

CHESS

Leonard Barden

LACK of a national centre for daily play is a serious handicap for British chess in our attempts to improve on silver medals at the 1984 olympics. A variety of London venues fill the gap with facilities for the growing number of weekend tournament competitors and for visitors seeking an opponent.

The Kings Head chess pub at Moscow Road, Bayswater, offers friendly games every night of the week and also runs several teams in the London League. The Kings Head quickplay (30 minutes per player per game) on June 8 at Porchester Hall is a popular annual where entrants range in strength from international masters to novices. One-day tournaments are the best introduction to tournament chess: intervals between games are short, and you meet a variety of opponents.

For children, one would recommend the Centymca club in Great Russell Street which has a thriving junior group who won four Southern Counties titles at the latest championships. On May 25-26 Centymca hosts the Lloyds Bank England squad competitions for under-9s, 8s and 7s, the only invitation chess championships in the world for boys and girls that young.

The approaching dissolution of the GLC will be a serious blow to London chess. County Hall, a prestigious venue for the fine series of GLC/Phillips & Drew grandmaster tournaments, has since become available for open-to-all weekend competitions. Lambeth's congress on August 16-18 and Chequers on August 30-September 1, both at County Hall, are timed to coincide with the start and finish of the traditional Lloyds Bank 1985 international and should thus attract many players from abroad.

Chequers restaurant at 18 Chalk Farm Road, Camden Lock, NW1, is a pleasant place to eat or play chess any day of the week. Like Kings Head, its regulars include some of the strongest masters in London and my informants recommend Thursday evenings when grandmaster Speelman and other experts may drop in.

Aly Amin of Chequers likes to entertain his patrons with several major events a year. In recent months the restaurant has hosted an all-night quickplay, an internationally rated Swiss, and a match between the Commonwealth and US women champions. His latest tournament was the Chequers Masters, an all-play-all run with help from NatWest Bank.

The three IMs, Condie, McNab, and Hebden, tied for first prize with 6/9. James Howell, Yorkshire's promising 17-year-old, achieved his second IM norm, while Keith Arkell qualified as an international master. This week's game is a forcing attack by Hebden, who has a clear lead in the £3,000 Leigh Grand Prix for the best overall 1985 result in British congresses.

Jeff Horner (Bolton) - IM Mark Hebden (Leicester)
Ruy Lopez (Chequers Masters 1985)

1 P-K4	P-K4	2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-N5	P-QR3	4 B-R4	N-B3
5 O-O	B-K2	6 BxN	QPxB
7 P-Q3	N-Q2	8 QN-Q2	O-O
9 N-B4	P-B3	10 N-R4	N-B4
11 Q-B3	N-K3		

These last two moves may be critical for assessment of what has so far been a routine book opening. 11 N-B5, eliminating Black's bishop pair, is a more direct plan for White while Black's own knight move looks an improvement on the usual R-K1.

12 B-K3	P-KN3	13 Q-N3	K-R1
14 QR-Q1	N-B5		

Black takes the initiative, for if 15 BxN PxB 16 QxP? P-KN4.

15 KR-K1	B-K3	16 P-N3	P-QB4
17 P-QB3	Q-B1	18 P-Q4	P-KN4
19 N-B5	BxN	20 PxB	P-N4!
21 N-B5	BPxP		

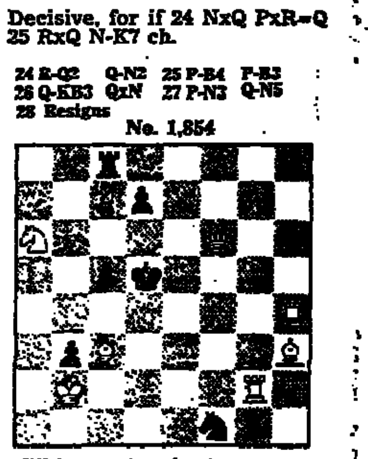
White should have tried 21 N-N2. Now if 22 PxP B-N5 23 B-Q2 BxB 24 RxB QxP and White has little for two pawns.

22 N-B6	PxB	23 NxB	P-K7!

Decisive, for if 24 NxQ PxR=Q 25 RxQ N-K7 ch.

24 R-Q2	Q-N2	25 P-B4	P-B3
26 Q-KB3	QxN	27 P-N3	Q-N5
28 Resigns			

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White mates in two moves, against any defence (by R. T. Lewis). White's variety of plausible choice makes this a stiff test for solvers.

● The Ryder Cup player Brian Barnes holed a 10-foot putt on the last green to save his par four and score a one-stroke win over Ewen Murray of Walton Heath in the Clydesdale Bank Northern Open Championship at Inverness yesterday, *writes Donald Stewart*, Barnes's final round of 67, two under par, gave him a total of 274, with Murray shooting a 69 for 275 and David Huish of North Berwick taking third place on 278 after a third-round 65 in the morning.

SPORT IN BRIEF

SAILING: Don Carlisle's Airbus had a runaway win in the 25-mile fourth race of Antigua Sailing Week. The 34-foot Beneteau First Class 10 was more than six minutes clear of her sister ship, Reverie, which was second on handicap, *Bob Fisher reports from Antigua.*

Jack James's 54-foot Jubilation again won Class I and was fourth overall, and but for losing the second race after a protest by Jim Kilroy's Kialoa 4 she would be two points clear of Airbus.

ICE HOCKEY: Czechoslovakia became world champions for the first time in eight years by beating Canada 5-3 in a tense final match in Prague yesterday. A late goal by Jiri Lala clinched victory after they had gone ahead 4-2 seven minutes from time only to see Canada pull one back seconds later.

CYCLING: Ireland's Sean Kelly sprinted away from a small group to win the 10th stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday with Scotland's Robert Millar taking the leader's yellow jersey. Millar snatched the overall lead from Spain's Pedro Ruiz Cabestany, who is second, 24 seconds behind the Scot. Colombia's Francisco Rodriguez is third.

BOXING: Purse offers are now open for the eliminator between Clinton McKenzie and Tony Laing for the British light welterweight title, held by Basildon's Terry Marsh.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic County Championship

Gloucester v. Lancs

BRISTOL.—Lancashire (24 pts) beat Gloucestershire (5) by 74 runs.

LANCASHIRE.—First innings 318 (P. W. Allott [illegible], [illegible] 67, S. T. Jefferies 37, J. Simmonds 40 not out; Lawrence 5 for 79).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—First innings 188 (Allott 5 for 44).

LANCASHIRE.—Second innings (Overnight: 128 for 8)

S. J. O'Shaughnessy not out	40
P. J. W. Allott c Graveney b Lawrence	15
Extras (lb4, w6, nb2)	12
Total	166

Bowling: Lawrence 22.5-6-78-4; Curran 10-4-32-1; Sainsbury 20-7-44-5.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Second innings

A. W. Stovold c Allott b Jefferies	7
C. W. J. Athey b O'Shaughnessy	7
P. W. Romaines c Simmons b Allott	15
[illegible]	67
K. M. Curran lbw b Allott	39
J. W. Lloyds b Jefferies	35
D. A. Graveney st Stanworth b Simmons	27
[illegible] c O'Shaughnessy b Simmons	0
[illegible]	8
D. V. Lawrence not out	1
G. E. Sainsbury lbw b Jefferies	5
Extras (lb7, nb3)	10
Total	220

Fall of wickets: 11, 19, 34, 50, 134, 161, 207, 210, 213.

Bowling: Allott 13-10-25-2; Jefferies [illegible]; O'Shaughnessy 8-1-22-1; Watkinson [illegible]; Simmons 21-8-83-2; Fowler [illegible].

County Table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
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(1984 positions in brackets.)

TAUNTON. — Glamorgan (24 pts) beat Somerset (6) by nine wickets.

GLAMORGAN.—First innings 387 for 7 dec (G. C. Holmes 80, Javed Miandad 80, R. C. Ontong 84, Younis Ahmed 58).

SOMERSET.—First innings 237 (I. T. Botham 112).

SOMERSET.—Second innings (Overnight: 158 for 7)

N. R. Davis lbw b Thomas	21
V. J. Marks c Davies b Ontong	18
C. V. Palmer c Miandad b Ontong	0
A. P. Jones not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 1)	8
Total	191

Fall of wickets continued: 180, 190.

Bowling: Thomas 13-0-60-1; Barwick 12-0-33-2; Derrick 10-0-23-0; Ontong 11.5-2-36-4; Holmes 12-3-43-3; Steele 10-5-17-2.

GLAMORGAN.—Second innings

J. A. Hopkins c Bail b Jones	12
A. L. Jones not out	18
G. C. Holmes not out	9
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 1)	4
Total (for 1)	43

Fall of wickets: 24.

Bowling: Davis 5-0-14-0; Botham 2-1-4-0; Marks 4-2-7-0; Jones 2-0-9-1; Rose 1-0-8-0.

Kent v. Surrey

CANTERBURY.—Kent (7 pts) drew with Surrey (8).

KENT: First innings 326 (C. S. Cowdrey 159, S. G. Hinks 62; Thomas 5 for 51).

SURREY: First innings 446 for 9 dec (A. J. Stewart 158, M. A. Lynch 118, P. B. Pauline 58 not out; Dilley 4 for 87).

KENT — Second innings (Overnight: 24 for 2)

S. G. Hinks lbw b Pauline	8
N. R. Taylor b Pauline	12
C. J. Tavare b Pocock	12
D. G. Aslett c Clinton b Jesty	111
C. S. Cowdrey lbw b Butcher	95
G. W. Johnson not out	7
A. P. E. Knott c Richards b Jesty	0
D. L. Underwood not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	32
Total (for 8 dec)	262

Fall of wickets continued: 28, 46, 46, 263, 271, 271.

Bowling: Thomas [illegible]; Taylor [illegible]; Pocock [illegible]; Pauline [illegible]; Jesty [illegible]; Butcher [illegible]; Lynch [illegible].

Notts v. Essex

TRENT BRIDGE.—Nottinghamshire (6 pts) drew with Essex (7).

ESSEX.—First innings 278 (P. J. Prichard 70, G. A. Gooch; C. E. B. Rice 4 for 24).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE — First innings 227 (Rice 188 not out; Foster 5 for 83).

ESSEX.—Second innings (Overnight: 171 for 3)

G. A. Gooch c Rice b Pick	202
D. E. East c sub b Such	17
D. R. Pringle not out	27
K. W. R. Fletcher not out	5
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 1)	4
Total (for dec)	287

Fall of wickets continued: 219, 281.

Bowling: Saxelby 11-1-62-1; Pick 17-2-108-1; Rice 6-3-18-1; Such 20-1-78-2; Cooper 6-0-33-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE—Second innings

B. C. Broad c Broad b Foster	7
R. T. Robinson lbw b Foster	1
D. W. Randall c Fletcher b Acfield	117
C. E. B. Rice c East b Lever	0
P. Johnson c McEwan b Lever	84
J. D. Birch not out	65
B. N. French b Acfield	1
R. A. Pick c McEwan b Pringle	13
K. Saxelby not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 2, nb 1)	11
Total (for 7)	302

Fall of wickets: 8, 11, 12, 142, 269, 279, 302.

Bowling: Lever 20-4-67-2; Foster 16-5-64-2; Gooch 10-1-39-0; Pringle 15.4-3-57-1; Acfield 22-7-70-2.

Second XI Championship

CAYTHORPE.—Derbyshire 135 and 153 (A. Brown 52; Hemmings 7 for 40). Nottinghamshire 109 (Malcolm 4 for 32) and 181 for 7 (M. Newell 72; Malcolm 5 for 55). Nottinghamshire won by three wickets.

SOUTHPORT.—Northamptonshire 135 (Patterson 4 for 31) and 363 for 8 (R. M. Carter 101 not out, D. J. Wild 73). Lancashire (first innings) 289 (D. W. Varey 58, M. R. Chadwick 73; Tredwell 6 for 41). Match drawn.

EDGBASTON.—Somerset 194 (P. Bail 67; Harden 4 for 11) and 324 for 7 (R. J. Harden 133 not out, D. Wood 68). Warwickshire 428 for 3 dec (K. D. Smith 207 not out, P. A. Smith 83). Match drawn.

ETON MANOR.—Kent 303 for 7 dec (S. N. V. Waterton 93, S. C. Goldsmith 73; Welch for 49) and 353 for 8 dec (N. Short 90, Waterton 78, G. R. Cowdrey 75). Essex 374 for 1 dec (A. W. Lilley 224 not out, I. Redpath 118 not out) and 144 for 2 (R. Field-Buss 81). Match drawn.

Cambridge v. Middlesex

FENNER'S.—Match drawn.

MIDDLESEX.—First innings 389 for 4 dec (W. N. Slack 81, M. W. Gatting 80, R. O. Butcher 58, P. R. Downton 55, C. T. Radley 54 not out).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—First innings 231 (C. R. Andrew 66; Cowans 5 for 37, Fraser 4 for 48).

MIDDLESEX.—Second innings (Overnight: 99 for 1)

N. F. Williams b Andrew	67
J. F. Sykes st Davies b Cotterell	128
K. P. Tomlins c Browne b Cotterell	14
A. R. C. Fraser c Roebuck b Andrew	1
C. T. Radley not out	0
N. G. Cowans c Fell b Cotterell	6
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (for 6 dec)	268

Fall of wickets continued: 161, 188, 222, 225, 226.

Bowling: Grimes 8-0-41-1; Scott 12-1-55-0; Andrew 16.4-3-45-2; Cotterell 19-5-83-3; Gorman 7-0-27-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Second innings

C. R. Andrew not out	0
S. Gorman not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 0)	0

Bowling: Gatting 1-1-0-0.

Today's Matches

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (11.0 to 7.30).—Essex v Sussex at Chelmsford; Glamorgan v. Kent at Cardiff; Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire at Bristol; Lancashire v. Leicestershire at Old Trafford; Surrey v. Combined Universities at The Oval; Worcestershire v. Warwickshire at Worcester; Scotland v. Derbyshire at Aberdeen; Minor Counties v. Somerset at Shrewsbury.

BRITANNIC COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (11.0 to 6.30): Northamptonshire v. Hampshire at Northampton; Yorkshire v. Middlesex at Headingley.

Tomorrow

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (1.30 to 6.30).—Essex v. Sussex at Chelmsford; Glamorgan v. Kent at Cardiff; Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire at Bristol; Lancashire v. Leicestershire at Old Trafford; Northamptonshire v. Hampshire at Northampton; Surrey v. Warwickshire at The Oval; Worcestershire v. Somerset at Worcester; Yorkshire v. Middlesex at Bradford.

TOUR MATCH.—Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk XI v. Australians at Arundel (11.30 to 6.30).

RESULTS

Soccer

INTERNATIONAL (Recife). — Brazil 2, Uruguay 0.

Tennis

WEST GERMAN OPEN (Hamburg). — Quarter-finals: H. Sundstrom (Swe) beat A. Gomez (Ec) 6-3, 6-0; J.-L. Clerc (Arg) beat J. Gunnarsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-2; M. Mecir (Cz) beat J. Nystrom (Swe) 6-2, 6-2; M. Wilander (Swe) beat G. Vilas (Arg) 6-3, 6-0.

MEN'S TOURNAMENT (Las Vegas).—Singles, Second Round (US unless stated): T. Smid (Czech) beat D. Pate 6-4, 6-2; T. Mayotte beat J. Fitzgerald (Aus) 2-6, 7-5, 7-6; B. Becker (W Ger) beat S. Edberg (Swe) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; J. Kriek beat V. Van Patten 6-3, 6-1; K. Flach beat V. Amritraj (Ind) 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Houston). — Second Round: M. L. Piatek (US) beat E. Okagawa (Jap) 6-4, 6-7, 6-0; R. Marsikova (Cz) beat J. Klitch (US) 6-2, 6-3.

LTA SPRING CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT (Sutton, Surrey).—Mens' semi-finals: J. Bates (Surrey) beat P. Lundgren (Swe) 0-6, 6-1, 6-4; C. Allgardh (Swe) beat P. Flynn (Aus) 1-6, 7-6, 8-6.

Womens' semi-finals: E. Reinach (SA) beat Z. Li (China) 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; K. Okamoto (Jap) beat H. Olsson (Swe) 6-3, 6-2.

Boxing

IBF WORLD JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP (Jakarta). — Ellyas Pical (Indonesia) beat Chun Ju-Do (S. Kor), rsf 8th.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Stanley Cup playoff: Quebec 3, Montreal 2 (Quebec win series 4-3).

Golf

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (Carlsbad, Ca).—Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 64—T. Kite. 68—F. Zoeller. 69—G. Norman (Aus); L. Wadkins; W. Levi; M. McCumber. 70—C. Strange; L. Nelson; R. Floyd; R. Black; J. Sindelar. Other: 76—B. Langer (W. Ger).

ITALIAN OPEN (Milan). — Leading 2nd round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 132—S. Torrance 65, 67. 135—M. Pinero (Sp) 69, 66. 136—S. Lyle 69, 67; P. Parkin 68, 68; J. Quiros (Sp) 68, 68; R. Chapman 68, 68. 137—J.-M. Canizares (Sp) 68, 69; P. Way 69, 68. 138—B. McColl 69, 69; J. Bland (SA) 69, 69; B. Waites 69, 69; S. Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 68. 139—M. Malero (Sp) 69, 70; D. J. Russell 70, 69; M. Mannelli (It) 67, 72; J. Anglada (Sp) 69, 70. 140—J. Anderson (Can) 67, 73; D. Williams 70, 70; G. Call (It) 68, 72; R. Rafferty (Ire) 70, 70.

LPGA TOURNAMENT (Hilton Head, S Carolina).—Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 67—S. Little (SA). 68—L. Peterson. 69—D. Lasker; K. Baker; L. Garbacz.

Hockey

INTERCONTINENTAL CUP.— Qualifying tournament (Brussels): Wales 3 (Thomas 2, Hacker), Switzerland 0.

Motor Rallying

TOUR OF CORSICA — Leading placings after 17 time trials (all French): 1, J. Ragnotti (Renault 5) 6hr 40min 36sec; 2, Bruno Saby (Peugeot 205) 5min 57sec behind; 3, B. Beguin (Porsche) 9:57.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE. — Oakland 5, Milwaukee 4; Boston 2, Seattle 1; California 3, Toronto 2.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. — Detroit 125, Boston 117 (Boston lead series 2-1); Denver 131, Utah 123 (2-0).

Sailing

ANTIGUA. — Fourth Race, Class I: 1, Jubilation (J. James, US); 2, Kialoa 4 (J. Kilroy, US); 3, Evrika (A. Anderson, US). Class II: 1, Connie D (J. Drew-Bear, Ven); 2, Troon (R. Davila, Ven); 3, Midnight Rambler (N. Evans, GB). Class III: 1, Airbus (D. Carlisle, US); 2, Reverie (G. Cherchel, Martinique); 3, Bruggadung (R. Johnson, Barb).

Evening Racing

TAUNTON

6.0 (2m 1f Hdle): 1, BARRERA LAD, Mr D. Townsend (7-2); 2, Vive Pour Vivre (8-1); 3, Canon's Rock (10-1). 10 ran (W. Kemp). Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £3.00, £2.90. Dual F: £13.00. CSF: £26.95. NRs: Godrevy Sunset, Joan Addison.

6.30 (2m 3f Ch): 1, FEROCIOUS KNIGHT, J. Hurst (16-1); 2, Bold Deception (14-1); 3, Misty Fantan (9-2). Spanish God 11-4 fav. 13 ran. (J. Thorne). Tote: £17.80; £4.80, £3.60, £1.80. Dual F: £260.60. CSF: £182.06. NR: Estralita.

7.00 (2m 3f Hdle): 1, GYMER L. Bloomfield (25-1); 2, Allied Newcastle (5-6 fav); 3, Cut 'n Dry (8-1). 9 ran (W. Sleeman). Tote: £12.80; £2.80, £1.10, £1.90. Dual F: £13.70. CSF: £42.99. Tricast: £174.75. NR: Isom Dart.

7.30 (3m 1f Ch): 1, NEVER TAMPER C. Brown (11-4); 2, Thornton (3-1); 3, Richard G (2-1 fav). 7 ran. (J. Baker). Tote: £4.00; £2.30, £2.10. Dual F: £5.40. CSF: £10.28.

8.0 (2m 1f Hdle): 1, SANDY LOOKS, N. Coleman (10-11 fav); 2, Gilded Crescent (14-1); 3, Mandrizano (7-1). (19 ran). (K. Holder). Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.90, £1.50. DF: £12.50. CSF: £12.33. Tricast: £49.94. NR: Pip.

8.30 (2m 1f Hdle): 1, NOBLE MOUNT, P. Leach (4-6 fav); 2, Archies Nephew (10-1); 3, Laurentel (5-1). 14 ran (M. Pipe). Tote: £1.50; £1.00, £2.70, £3.70. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.57.

2,000 GUINEAS DAY AT NEWMARKET

1 45 Brave Owen
2 15 ADJANADA (nap)
3 00 Bassenthwaite
3 35 Anita's Prince
4 05 Skaramanga
4 35 Aylesfield

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT: ALL SIX RACES
DRAW: NO SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE
* DENOTES BLINKERS: GOING: Good to firm

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1 45 — PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O: 5f: £3,372 (8 runners).
101 (1) ARC LARK (C. Schmidt) M. Ryan 9-0 ... M. Fozzard
102 (3) BARRACK STREET (J. Fisher) M. Ryan 9-0 ... P. Robinson
103 (6) BRAVE OWEN (H. Joel) H. Cecil 9-0 ... S. Cauthen
104 (5) CAMERION (E. Eldin) E. Eldin 9-0 ... A. Mackay
105 (7) CELTIC HEIR (W. du Pont III) G. P-Gordon 9-0 ... W. Carson
108 (2) KERRY MAY SING (M. Baxter) M. Ryan 9-0 ... M. Giles
109 (8) LAIOS * (Mrs H. Cambanis) B. Hobbs 9-0 ... G. Baxter
110 (4) LOCHONICA (Mrs M. Jarvis) A. Jarvis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
Betting forecast: 8-13 Brave Owen, 5 Celtic Heir, 6 Laios, 7 Lochonica, 10 Barrack Street.

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2 15—WARD HILL HANDICAP: 3-Y-O: 7f (Dewhurst Stakes Course): £8,584 (11 runners).
204 (6) 21123-1 PRISMATIC (5lb ex) (Ld H. de Walden) H. Cecil 9-11 S. Cauthen
206 (7) 21- REGALALCO (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) L. Cumani 9-7 .. R. Guest
207 (10) 210-40 MR JAY-ZEE (J. Zwirn) N. Callaghan 9-1 ... L. Piggott
208 (11) 011-1 BRADDELLS (C/D) (B. Haggas) J. Hindley 9-1 ... M. Hills
210 (5) 21000-4 AHONA (Miss P. Phoenix) N. Tinkler 8-11 ... L. Charnock
211 (3) 01010-0 STEADY EDDIE (D) (N. Silbery) P. Mitchell 8-10 ... T. Ives
212 (4) 0103-2 JEANNE AVRIL (M. Browne) B. Hobbs 8-8 ... G. Baxter
214 (9) 310-44 SI SIGNOR (F. Salman) P. Cole 8-5 ... T. Quinn
215 (8) 1- ADJANADA (C/D) (H. H. Aga Khan) M. Stoute 8-5 ... W. Carson
218 (2) 140-020 ANDI ALJA (D) (Mrs R. Wreford) P. Mitchell 8-0 ...
220 (1) 032020 KILLYGLEN (Greenland Park Ltd) W. Haslam-Bass 7-13 R. Lines (5)
Betting forecast: 7-2 Prismatic, 4 Adjanada, 5 Ahona, Si Signor, 7 Braddells, 8 Regalalco, Jeanne Avril, 10 Andi Alja.
TOP FORM TIPS: Prismatic 8, Braddells 7, Si Signor 6

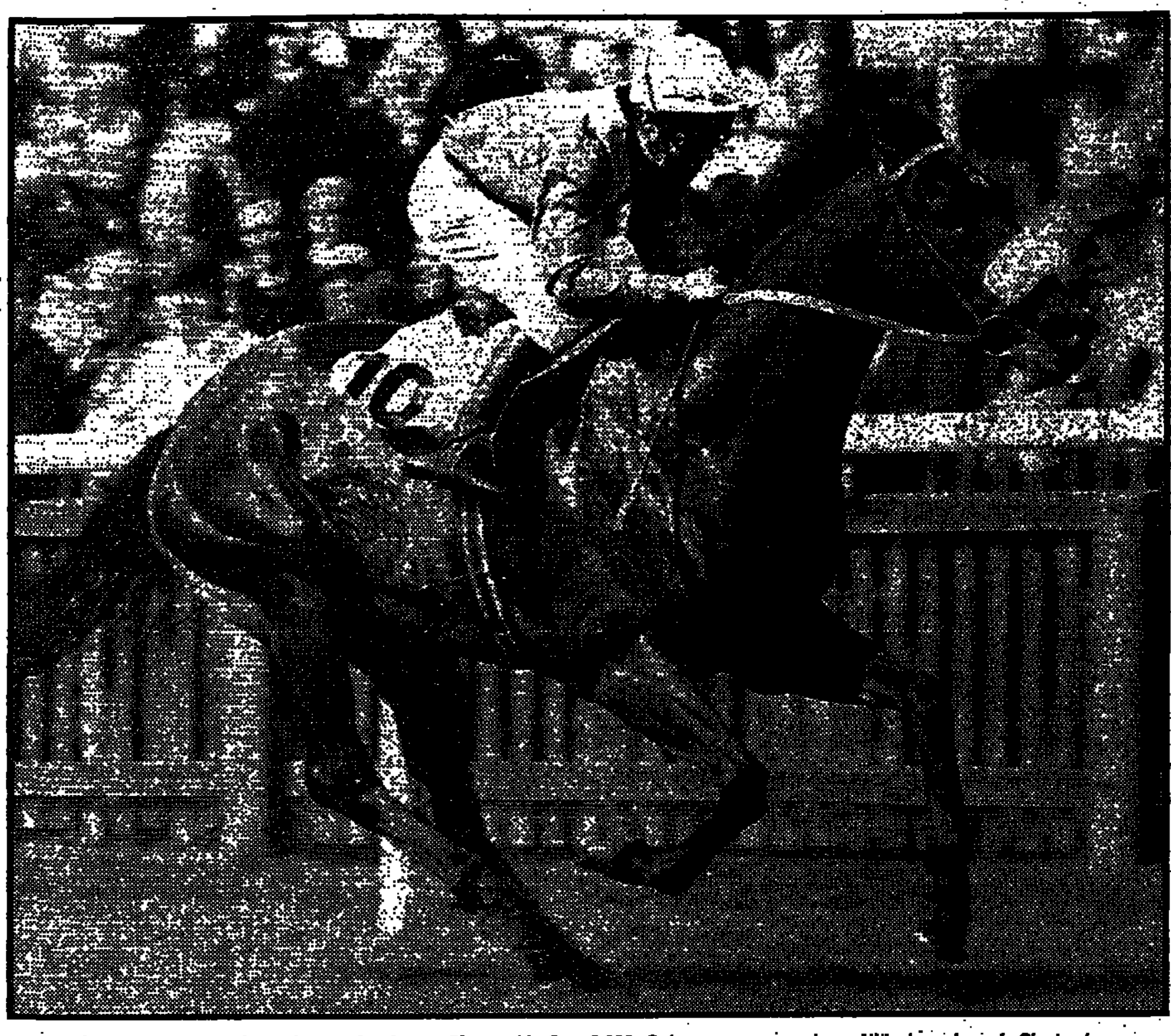
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3 0—GENERAL ACCIDENT 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES: Group 1: 3-Y-O: Rowley Mile; £94,689 (14 runners).
301 (6) 1-1 BAIRN (C) (Sheikh Mohammed) L. Cumani 9-0 ... W. Carson
(Maroon, white sleeves and star on cap)
302 (14) 11231-2 BASSENTHWAITE (C) (S. Niarchos) J. Tree 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
(Dark blue, light blue cross-belts striped sleeves, white cap)
303 (4) 2320- CHANCE IN A MILLION (D. Hodgson) Denys Smith 9-0 ... J. Reid
(Orange, yellow hoops, brown sleeves, orange cap brown spots)
304 (5) 202-1 COMRADE IN ARMS (D. Molins) P. Lallie (Fr) 9-0 ... G. Dubroeucq
(White, sky blue and green collar and quartered cap)
305 (11) 1111-3 EFISIO (Mrs M. Landi) J. Dunlop 9-0 ... G. Starkey
(Dark blue and white stripes, quartered cap)
306 (7) 11- KALA DANCER (C) (R. Tikkoo) B. Hanbury 9-0 ... G. Baxter
(Lemon, dark blue diamond and sleeves)
307 (12) 2111- LANFRANCO (D) (C. St George) H. Cecil 9-0 ... S. Cauthen
(Black, white chevron hoop and cap)
309 (9) 23140-0 NORTHERN CRIMES (Mrs J. Shine) E. Eldin 9-0 ... A. Mackay
(Orange, black hoop, orange sleeves and cap)
310 (8) 21-1 OVER THE OCEAN (C/D) (M. Fustok) O. Douieb 9-0 A. Lequeux
(Green, red armlets and cap)
311 (13) 22202-3 PACIFIC GOLD (R. Tikkoo) B. Hanbury 9-0 ... T. Ives
(Lemon, dark blue diamond and sleeves)
312 (2) 1304-31 QUALITAIR FLYER (Qualitair Eng) K. Stone 9-0 ... A. Murray
(White, black diamond and sleeves, white cap)
313 (1) 323- ROYAL HARMONY (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 9-0 ... M. Hills
(Maroon, white sleeves and star on cap)
314 (10) 31-1 SHADEED (C/D) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M. Stoute 9-0 L. Piggott
(Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
315 (3) 21 SUPREME LEADER (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brittain 9-0 P. Robinson
(Royal blue, white hoop on body, striped cap)
1984: El Gran Senor 9-0 Pat Eddery 15-8 fav M. V. O'Brien (Ire). 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 8-13 Shadeed, 9-2 Bairn, 6 Over The Ocean, 10 Bassenthwaite, 20 Lanfranco, 33 Supreme Leader, 40 Kala Dancer, Efisio.
TOP FORM TIPS: Shadeed 10, Bairn 7, Bassenthwaite 6.

3 35—PALACE HOUSE STAKES: Group 3; 5f (Rous Course); £15,232 (11 runners).
401 (6) 421433- ANITA'S PRINCE (D) (Mrs A. Quinn) R. Lister (IRE) 4-9-0 L. Piggott
402 (10) 200011- PRINCE REYMO (D) (R. Emmitt) R. Armstrong 5-9-0 S. Cauthen
403 (11) 01133/1 CHAPEL COTTAGE (D) (T. Ramsden) M. Ryan 4-8-11 P. Robinson
406 (9) 1030-32 HILTON BROWN (D) (BF) (Ld McAlpine) P. Cundell 4-8-10 ... G. Starkey
407 (2) 01000- NOVELLO (C/D) (R. E. A. Bott Wigmore St Ltd) C. Nelson 4-8-10 ... P. Hamblett
409 (8) 0000-32 PIENCOURT (Mrs E. Richards) C. Austin 7-8-10 ... A. Lequeux
410 (5) 13100-4 PRINCE SABO (D) (Mrs R. Daniels) Mrs S. Swift 3-8-6 J. Reid
411 (4) 40234-0 ALBANY LAD (D) (Mrs L. Davies) R. Hannon 3-7-12 ... T. Quinn
412 (7) 30014-2 CAMEROUN (D) (C. Wright) D. Laing 3-7-9 ... W. Carson
414 (3) 14210-0 MELODY PARK (D) (G. Mills) M. Ryan 3-7-9 ... M. Fozzard
415 (1) 210330- TUXFORD HIDEAWAY (D) (J. Abell) R. Whitaker 3-7-9 N. Carlisle
Betting forecast: 9-4 Chapel Cottage, 7-2 Anita's Prince, 11-2 Hilton Brown, Prince Reymo, 8 Prince Sabo, 10 Cameroun, 16 Piencourt.
TOP FORM TIPS: Anita's Prince 9, Prince Reymo 7, Hilton Brown 6.

4 05 — CULFORD STAKES: 3-Y-O: 1¼m; £8,437 (9 runners).
502 (8) 1 SKARAMANGA (S. Niarchos) H. Cecil 9-7 ... S. Cauthen
503 (2) 0-1 WITCHCRAFT (E. Moller) G. Wragg 9-7 ... Pat Eddery
505 (3) 0-2 DOO BAYSH (F. Salman) P. Cole 9-0 ... T. Quinn
507 (6) ISLAND SET (Sheikh Mohammed) L. Cumani 9-0 ... R. Guest
508 (1) 330- LEINSTER LAD (Cmdr H. Grenfell) J. Dunlop 9-0 ... T. Ives
509 (5) 0224-0 MOFFAT LAD (Ld McAlpine) J. Hindley 9-0 ... M. Hills
511 (4) OBERLAND (A. Clore) L. Cumani 9-0 ... J. Blake
513 (9) OLEANDRIN (A. Hall) A. Hide 9-0 ... R. Curant
515 (7) 0- SALIENT (The Queen) W. Hern 9-0 ... W. Carson
Betting forecast: 5-4 Skaramanga, 4 Witchcraft, 5 Doo Baysh, Salient, 10 Leinster Lad, 12 Island Set, Moffat Lad.
TOP FORM TIPS: Skaramanga 9, Witchcraft 7, Doo Baysh 6.

4 35—TURN OF THE LANDS HANDICAP: 1¼m: £4,698 (9 runners).
602 (1) 2320-00 CHAUMIERE (D) (C. Booth) R. Williams 4-9-8 ... T. Ives
606 (7) 410021- K-BATTERY (C/D) (Mrs M. Butler) W. Elsey 4-9-1 ... S. Cauthen
607 (5) 0030-00 FOCHE * (D) (B. Doody) R. Stubbs 4-8-6 ... L. Piggott
608 (6) 31320-3 AYLESFIELD (D) (Sir R. McAlpine) G. Wragg 5-8-5 ... Pat Eddery
610 (9) 221- MALDOROR (D) (D. Wildenstein) H. Cecil 4-8-3 ... N. Day
611 (3) 200-211 TEMPLE BAR (5lb ex) (Barclays Hotels) C. Brittain 5-8-2 W. Carson
612 (2) 00000-0 EL GITANO (G. R. Bailey Ltd) G. Blum 5-8-0 ... A. Mackay
613 (8) 4100-10 STEEL VENTURE * (D) (BF) (A. Maycock) M. Ryan 6-7-12 ... P. Robinson
615 (4) 4321-00 JOLI WASFI (D) (BF) (D. Nabki) M. Haynes 4-7-7 ... R. Still
Betting forecast: 9-4 Aylesfield, 5-2 Temple Bar, 4 Maldoror, 8 Chaumiere, 12 Steel Venture, K-Battery.
TOP FORM TIPS: Aylesfield 8, Maldoror 7, Temple Bar 6.



Shadeed, odds-on favourite to give Lester Piggott his first 2,000 Guineas success since Nijinsky, sire of Shadeed

Shadeed can take first step towards the Triple Crown

Richard Baerlein

Fate has decreed that Lester Piggott, who won the 1970 2,000 Guineas on Nijinsky, should become associated with what may well prove to be that sire's greatest son, Shadeed, in the same event 15 years later.

It is somewhat ironical that Piggott has come in for two superb Classic rides, one on Shergar in the Irish Sweeps Derby and now Shadeed in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas, both due to the suspension of the unfortunate Walter Swinburn.

Shadeed, an 800,000 dollar yearling, was a good two-year-old, probably not far behind Shergar at the same age, but he was never asked a serious question, finishing an unlucky third and then first in his two races.

Through the winter there were strong rumours that Michael Stoute regarded him as an exceptional colt. These were confirmed when he made his seasonal debut 18 days ago in the Ladbroke Craven Stakes over today's course and distance.

In nearly 50 years of race reporting, I have never seen such an impressive trial. He slammed Damister six lengths in the fastest relative time of all 18 races at the meeting. In fact, only one other horse, King Of Clubs, beat standard time that week.

Shadeed quickly hardened from 7-2 and became odds on when Vincent O'Brien's Gold Crest came out of the race. Shadeed has the looks, the pedigree, the form and the scope to follow in the footsteps of his sire and win a Triple Crown. As a betting proposition his outstanding chance eliminates the prospect of a bet for those who have missed the market.

The best possible price will be 4-6 and if the ante-post bookmakers decide to cover some of their liabilities on the doubles with Oh So Sharp, it could well be less. I do not think he can be beaten, nor do I believe there is any solid money to be made with an each-way interest on the others.

Bairn, a comparative novice with a winning run behind him last season on his only appearance and suited by the ground, beat the very experienced Bassenthwaite, who was unsuited by the going, in their Newbury trial.

Luca Cumani has Derby hopes of Bairn but after that Newbury victory he decided to go for the Guineas as well.

Jeremy Tree admitted that Bassenthwaite needed the race and he will now have the firm ground which enabled him to win last year's Middle Park Stakes by four lengths. But I shall still be surprised if he reverses the form with Bairn, because the latter won in the style of a top class horse in the making.

Piggott having originally opted to ride Bairn has switched to Shadeed but both run in the same Maktoum interest. With Swinburn back for the Derby, Piggott will have ample opportunity to get back on Bairn, whose chances were boosted when stable-companion Corridor Key won here on Thursday.

Over The Ocean won the Ladbroke European Free Handicap in runaway style by four lengths, landing one of the biggest gambles of the year. This race has proved a reliable Classic guide over the years and there is no doubt he is a very useful colt. Oliver Douieb has switched him from the French 2,000 Guineas because he is a bad traveller and a nervous colt.

With Henry Cecil's horses in such form there will be support for Lanfranco, who ended up last season beating Damister threequarters of a length in the William Hill Futurity. That form hardly reads good enough and Lanfranco is probably more of a Derby proposition.

That is what Cecil said in the unsaddling enclosure after the Futurity, when he had no intention of training him for today's race. But plans have apparently been changed but I can see no justification for opposing Shadeed.

It may be early in the year to support three-year-olds against their elders but one of that age, Reesh, won the Palace House Stakes a year ago. I take another three-year-old, Prince Sabo, to win today. He ran a gallant fourth with top weight in the Free Handicap.

Steve Cauthen followed up his double on Thursday by riding four winners yesterday. Two of them, the two-year-old Mazaad and the three-year-old Concorde Island were owned by Sheikh Mohammed who had a treble on the first day of the meeting.

Henry Cecil won both two-year-old races with the newcomers Gwydion and Mazaad.

Cauthen who is now on the 37 mark had by far his most important success with the four-year-old Kirmann, owned and bred by the Aga Khan and trained by Fulke Johnson Houghton. Cauthen won this £23,000 prize by making all the running coming home unchallenged. Kirmann was described by his trainer as weak and backward last season, but now looks the fully matured horse stoutly bred on both sides of his pedigree. He will be hard to beat in any company this season.

Last year's winner Gay Lemur was squeezed out on the bend into the straight, reared up and threw Geoff Baxter. Neither horse nor jockey was injured.

The Oaks winner Circus Plume started a short price favourite but ran a bad race.

Two other gambles were defeated when Dick Hern's Bulrush backed from 9-1 to 5-2 in a highly competitive handicap was touched off by the 25-1 Inishpoor while the odds on Northern Aspen made no show in the Pretty Polly Stakes. Michael Stoute had the one, two here when the 12-1 Capo Di Monte beat the 15-2 Pretty Pol.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS: Nap— PRINCE SABO (Newmarket 3.35). Next best— JEANNE AVRIL (Newmarket 2.15).

Sharp track will suit Tamertown Lad

Chris Hawkins sums up the races on TV

KEMPTON (ITV)

1.30 (1m): TAMERTOWN LAD goes well on a sharp track and has won at Brighton and Epsom, trotting up by six lengths on the later course 11 days ago. Vino Rosso won on the heavy ground here last month but Fast Service has shown form on a fast surface.

2.0 (1m): VIN DE FRANCE, a half-brother to Vacarme, will be at short odds to improve on his promising fourth to Miller's Mate in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket. Pictograph makes his seasonal reappearance after finishing second in a maiden at Warwick last October.

2.30 (6f): BOLD REALM took time to find his form last season but then won two valuable sprints in good style. He is on a handy mark in the handicap and after three runs should now be pretty fit.

NEWMARKET (ITV)

1.45 (5f): BRAVE OWEN should maintain trainer Henry Cecil's 100 per cent juvenile record this season. By Welsh Pageant, this colt is out of the very fast filly, Brave Lass, who won four of her five starts as a two-year-old.

2.15 (7f): ADJANADA is hard to assess as she had only one run last season, beating *Purchasepaperchase* (winner at Ascot on Wednesday) by a short-head over the course and distance. The handicapper may have taken a chance in putting her in near the bottom here. Prismatic beat Ahona (now 14lb better off) just over five lengths at Thirsk recently and is reported to have been working well with some of the stars in the Cecil string.

3.00 (1m): BASSENTHWAITE is a tough colt with a lot of experience and should at least make the frame. He was in need of the race when a length and a half second to Bairn at Newbury and has plenty of improvement in him as a three-year-old being a late May foal. Each-way be makes more sense for the majority of punters than Shadeed, who earned his position in the market with a very easy win in the Craven Stakes. Kala Dancer beat Shadeed as a two-year-old but has been held up in his work. Lanfranco was beaten by Oh So Sharp in a gallop last weekend and victory for him will put the 1,000 Guineas winner in the worldbeater bracket.

HAYDOCK (BBC-1)

1.30 (1½m): KHAELEN gets the trip well having won his last two races comfortably although they were both on soft ground. Hombre is only moderate and was a well beaten fourth to Hunters Fen at Leicester recently, but receiving 21lb from the selection he could prove dangerous.

2.0 (1¼m): SAILOR'S REWARD should be a big price but has a chance on some of his form and was not disgraced when fifth to Adariysa in a 16 runner race at Windsor recently.

2.30 (7f): LOBBIT was trying to give Over The Ocean 1lb when four lengths second to him in the Free Handicap so is clearly not without ability. There is a tip for Magic Mirror, while Grey Desire was probably beaten by a flying machine when caught by Chapel Cottage at Thirsk last time.

HAYDOCK

1 30 Khaelan
2 00 Sailors Reward
2 30 Lobbit
3 00 God's Isle
3 30 Double Benz
4 00 Pine Hawk

DRAW: LOW numbers best from 6f to 1m
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good

—BBC-1—

1 30—FAN MAKERS HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 1½m: £2,914 (7 runners).
1 (4) 200-11 KHAELAN (D) (A. Salman) S. Norton 9-7 ... J. Lowe
2 (5) 0100-1 BLOODLESS COUP (C) (T. Marshall) M. Usher 9-2 ... D. Dineley
3 (2) 31 EL-FAYEZ (Prince Saud Bin Salman) G. Huffer 9-1 ... G. Carter (5)
7 (3) 042-004 NO LIMIT (K. Fischer) R. Hollinshead 8-8 ... S. Perks
8 (6) 444-40 VICKSTOWN (Home & Trade Ltd) B. Morgan 8-8 ... B. Crossley
9 (7) 03-0 LHASA (Lady H. de Walden) E. Weymes 8-6 ... E. Guest (5)
10 (1) 000-14 HOMBRE (G. Reed) C. Thornton 8-0 ... J. Bleasdale
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Hombre, 3 Khaelan, 4 El Fayez, 11-2 Bloodless Coup, 8 No Limit, 14 Vickstown.
TOP FORM TIPS: Hombre 8, Khaelan 7.

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2 0—SIR RICHARD FAIREY MEMORIAL HANDICAP: 3-Y-O: 1m 2f 131yds; £2,721 (16 runners).
1 (14) 0401-30 STRING PLAYER (Sheikh Mohammed) J. Ciechanowski 9-7 C. Rutter (5)
2 (3) 041-4 GOLD WIRE (K. Abdulla) B. Hills 9-1 ... R. Hills
3 (8) 021- DIHISTAN (H. H. Aga Khan) M. Stoute 8-10 ... A. Kimberley
4 (10) 0230-00 ELECTRICCONNECTION (S. Gorton) M. Lambert 8-9 ... D. Oldham
5 (4) 210-200 PHEON (Sheikh Rashid Al Khalifa) G. Huffer 8-9 ... G. Carter (5)
6 (6) 032-00 CHANGANOOR (Mrs G. Maloney) R. Hollinshead 8-8 ... S. Perks
8 (9) 00-10 SAN CARLOS (L. Tarrant) M. Jarvis 8-8 ... B. Raymond
9 (16) 021-001 PRINCE DARIUS (A. Duffield) C. Tinkler 8-5 ... N. Connorton
11 (13) 000-0 WOLVERNESS (Sheikh Mohammed) R. Houghton 8-3 ... K. Darley
12 (15) 4100- WELSH MEDLEY (North Cheshire Trading) D. H. Jones 8-2 ... E. Brown (7)
13 (2) 00022- ROSTHERNE (Mrs R. Nuttall) K. Stone 8-2 ... A. Bandley
15 (5) 000-01 EVROS (5lb ex) (Mrs H. Cambanis) B. Hobbs 8-4 ... J. Lowe
18 (12) 0001-4 SILVER CANNON (BF) (P. Wetzel) S. Norton 7-11 ... R. Fox
19 (7) 0002-4 CADENETTE (B. Skirton) M. Camacho 7-10 ...
20 (11) 04000-0 METRO STAR (L. Harper) E. Eldin 7-7 ... G. King (7)
21 (1) 0000-0 SAILORS REWARD (Introgrow Holdings) R. Hannon 7-7 S. Dawson (3)
1984: Hidden Destiny, 9-3, M. Birch, 11-10 fav J. Dunlop, 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 100-30 Prince Darius, 4 Dihistan, 5 Evros, 13-2 Gold Wire, 8 Rostherne, 10 Silver Cannon.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dihistan 8, Evros 7, Prince Darius 6.

—BBC-1—

2 30—FAIREY SPRING TROPHY: 7f 40yds; £7,804 (9 runners).
1 (8) 40-0112 GREY DESIRE (D) (BF) (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 5-9-4 ... B. Cooper
2 (9) 1102-00 MR MEEKA * (C/D) (Mrs S. Brook) S. Norton 4-9-4 ... J. Lowe
3 (5) 0 COWAL SHORE (A. Leggat) J. W. Watts 4-8-10 ... N. Connorton
4 (3) HARRY TIDEMAN (J. Robinson) E. Alston 4-8-10 ... E. Guest
6 (1) 200400- WINTER WORDS (Mrs E. Fox) Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones 6-8-10 Wendy Jones
8 (6) 00 FLINGAMUS (R. Reynolds) R. Stubbs 4-8-7 ... D. Nicholls
9 (4) 71124- MAGIC MIRROR (G. Vanian) O. Douieb 3-8-4 ... A. Bridel
10 (7) 121400- SEA FALCON (S. Brewer) P. Makin 3-8-4 ... M. Birch
11 (2) 11120-2 LOBBIT (P. Goulandris) J. Dunlop 3-7-10 ... R. Fox
1984: Condrillac 3-8-0 Paul Eddery evens fav H. Cecil. 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Grey Desire, 9-4 Lobbit, 4 Magic Mirror, 8 Mr Meeka, 12 Sea Falcon.
TOP FORM TIPS: Grey Desire 9, Lobbit 7, Magic Mirror 6

3 0—SALFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES: 2-Y-O: 5f; £1,774 (11 runners).
1 (4) 0 JUST A TOKEN (R. Howarth) E. Weymes 9-0 ... E. Guest (5)
5 (9) 0 ALTAMORE (BF) (G. Bernacchi) J. Berry 8-8 ... S. Horsfall (5)
6 (2) 00 MISS BLAKE (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 8-8 ... B. Cooper
7 (6) 0 BONNY BRIGHT EYES (Mrs B. Lawlor) R. Hollinshead 8-5 W. Ryan (3)
8 (1) 22 FARIDA FAIR (Mrs B. Carrington) J. W. Watts 8-5 ... N. Connorton
9 (11) MISS HARLEQUIN (C. Frewin) R. Hannon 8-5 ... L. Jones (7)
10 (10) 424 NATIONS FANDANGO (Nation Wide Racing Co) R. Stubbs 8-5 D. Nicholls
11 (5) BILLS AHEAD (V. Sarasini) T. Fairhurst 8-2 ... R. Elliott
12 (8) 4 GOD'S ISLE (L. Bray) M. H. Easterby 8-2 ... M. Birch
14 (7) 02 JERSEY MAID (R. Coll) C. Tinkler 8-2 ... M. Wood
16 (3) 20 ROBIS (F. Swain) Mrs N. Macauley 7-13 ... K. Darley
1984: Pokey 8-2 K. Hodgson 100-30 M. W. Easterby. 6 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Farida Fair, 4 God's Isle, 5 Miss Blake, 7 Jersey Maid, 8 Robis, Altamore, 12 Bonny Bright Eyes.
TOP FORM TIPS: Farida Fair 9, God's Isle 7, Jersey Maid 6.

3 30 — BOTANY BAY STAKES: Amateur riders: 3-Y-O: 1m 40yds; £1,753 (10 runners).
3 (9) 200100- KELLSAPAUL (W. Murphy) G. Hunter 10-1 ... R. Bruce
4 (7) 310-0 MAKE STRIDES (Sheikh Mohammed) J. Ciechanowski 10-1 Aziz Al-Rashid
6 (5) 07210-0 DOUBLE BENZ (T. Bennett) M. H. Easterby 9-12 ... T. Easterby
7 (2) 3404-41 EL GALILEO (Mrs F. Durr) F. Durr 9-12 ... Jane Barlow (4)
8 (4) 02-10 GERAGHTY OF COURSE (M. F. Geraghty Racing) G. Huffer 9-12 ... Jennie Goulding
9 (1) 4242-12 OPEN ALL HOURS (Britannic Shipping Services) J. Berry 9-12 ... Berry
11 (3) 000- BLUFF COVE (Dickins Ltd) S. Mellor 9-7 ... Diana Mellor (4)
12 (6) 3000-00 ROCKY'S PRIDE (Elisha Holdings) M. Jarvis 9-7 ... Gay Arber
14 (10) 00304-0 NORTHERN HOPE (R. Whaller) P. Kelleway 9-4 ... Sarah Kelleway
15 (8) 0 RUSTIC JEWEL (R. Robinson) M. James 9-4 ... Elaine James (4)
1984: Bold Patriach 9-12 Mr T. Easterby 4-9 fav, J. Dunlop 5 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-4 Double Benz, 2 Geraghty Of Course, 5 Open All Hours, 6 El Galileo, 12 Make Strides.
TOP FORM TIPS: Double Benz 8, El Galileo 7, Open All Hours 6.

4 0—MULBERRY HANDICAP: 5f; £2,595 (13 runners).
4 (7) 11204-0 SWINGING GOLD (D) (T. Wilson) T. Barron 3-9-7 ... S. Webster
5 (2) 21000-0 BOLLIN EMILY (D) (Mrs N. Westbrook) M. H. Easterby 4-9-7 ... M. Birch
6 (10) 011000- LIGHT ANGLE (D) (A. Duffield) G. Calvert 4-9-3 ... L. Charnock
7 (13) 00-0100 LADY CARA (D) (J. Berry) J. Berry 5-9-2 ... J. Carroll (7)
8 (1) 010-000 FAIRGREEN (D) (D. Chapman) D. Chapman 7-8-12 ... D. Nicholls
9 (5) 0000-00 PHILSTAR (D) (C. Barber-Lomax) W. Elsey 4-8-11 ... J. Lowe
10 (3) 12000-0 PRINCE RACINE (D) (K. Lewis) D. H. Jones 3-8-11 ... S. Perks
11 (9) 001000- CELTIC BIRD (C/D) (J. Cooke) A. Balding 5-8-11 ...
12 (11) 00000-0 DURANDAL (C/D) (R. Harris) D. Wilson 8-8-11 ... W. Ryan (3)
14 (8) 0000-10 BINCLEAVES (D) (BF) (M. McCormack) M. McCormack 7-8-7 ... B. Raymond
15 (6) 032000- RUSSIAN WINTER * (C/D) (Calmac Tool & Engineering) A. W. Jones 10-8-7 ... C. Dwyer
17 (4) 053400- VIA VITAE (Mrs A. Mutch) R. Hollinshead 3-8-0 ... P. Hill
18 (12) 0000-04 PINE HAWK (Mrs J. Wilkinson) D. H. Jones 4-7-11 ...
1984: Durandal 7-8-6 W. Ryan 9-1 D. A. Wilson. 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Swinging Gold, 7-2 Bincleaves, 92 Pine Hawk, 6 Bollin Emily, 8 Fairgreen, Durandal, 10 Russian Winter.
TOP FORM TIPS: Bollin Emily 8, Swinging Gold 7, Bincleaves 6.

● BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Haydock: 1.30 El-Fayez; Newmarket: 3.45 Laios; 4.35 Foche. Kempton: None.

Worcester

6 00 Tinkersfield
6 30 Cornish Granite
7 00 Scot Lane
7 30 High Renown
8 00 Moon Dreamer
8 30 Sailing By

GOING: Firm
* DENOTES BLINKERS

6 0—PERSHORE NOVICE HURDLE: Div 1: 2m: £794 (10 runners).
003 TINKERSFIELD 4-11-3 ... G. Bradley
000 KOUROS 6-10-12 ... P. A. Farrell
P00- LAST TRAIL 6-10-12 ...
F02 MAFOO'S TOKEN 5-10-12 P. Richards
0 PIROPAN 6-10-7 ... R. Dunwoody
000 RUM RIVER 5-10-7 ... P. Nicholls
F00 SAUCY SIGNOR 4-10-7 S. J. O'Neill
PP SCALLEEN 7-10-7 ... J. Frost
0 HENRYS TRUE LOVE 4-10-2 ...
P00 PERFECT DOUBLE 4-10-2 ... Mr J. Cambidge (4)
Betting forecast: 7-4 Mafoo's Token, 11-4 Tinkersfield, 5 Kouros, 7 Henry's True Love, 10 Rum River.

6 30—BEWDLEY NOVICE CHASE: 2m; £1,488 (15 runners).
103 ESSEX 10-11-13 ... R. Strange
08P ALANGROVE SOUND * 7-11-3 ... Mr N. Breakes
PPP BALLINGERS FOLLY 7-11-3 A. Sharpe
000 BOBBING STAR 9-11-3 ... T. Wall
0 CALYCULUS 10-11-3 ... Steve Knight
P00 COLONEL CURTIS * 6-11-3 ... S. McNeill
PU2 CORNISH GRANITE 7-11-3 P. Leach
004 CYPRUS SKY 8-11-3 ... S. J. O'Neill
0P P JOHN SAMPDEN 8-11-3 P. Nicholls
004 MARKED MAN 6-11-3 Peter Hobbs
00-P OSOROYAL 9-11-3 C. Warren (7)
F0P SAYS EYE 10-11-3 ... Mr N. Babbage (4)
P04- WAR CORRESPONDENT 8-11-3 ... S. Morshead
4FP JUST PAM 7-10-12 ... D. Browne
FP0 BELLIVER PRINCE 5-10-10 S. May
Betting forecast: 15-8 Cornish Granite, 3 Essex, 9-2 Marked Man, 6 Calyculus, 10 Cyprus Sky

7 0—BOWLING GREEN HANDICAP CHASE: 3m: £2,054 (4 runners).
003 SCOT LANE (D) 12-11-10 C. Smith
P0F HY-KO (D) 9-11-9 ... R. Earnshaw
004 JIMMY MIFF (C/D) 13-10-2 ... S. O'Neill
301 ROYAL POTION * (4lb ex) 10-10-0 ... M. Ayliffe
Betting forecast: 11-10 Scot Lane, 11-4 Jimmy Miff, 4 Royal Potion, 8 Hy-Ko.

7 30—WORCESTER ROWING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE: 3m; £2,158 (5 runners).
000 HIGH RENOWN 5-11-7 J. J. O'Neill
100 LONE RAIDER (C) 8-11-6 ... J. A. Harris
200 FREE CHOICE (D) 7-11-2 ... R. Dunwoody
302/ STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT (D) 10-11-1 ... B. Powell
000 BEAU WYNK * (C/D) 12-10-4 ... Miss D. Key (7)
Betting forecast: 5-4 Lone Raider, 9-4 High Renown, 6 Free Choice, 10 Staffordshire Knot.

8 0—COUNTRY HANDICAP CHASE: 2m; £1,520 (8 runners).
020- RAHEENSHIRA (D) 9-11-9 R. Strange
304 MOON DREAMER (C/D) 9-11-2 ... R. Rowe
P00 STOWELL GROVE (D) 8-11-0 ... P. Scudamore
404 GRANNIE'S PET (D) 10-10-9 ... R. Earnshaw
222 SLIEVE BRACKEN * (D) 9-10-7 ... S. J. O'Neill
0FP SLIEVE LUACHRA 7-10-3 ... R. Dunwoody
000 CHRYSIPPOS (D) 8-10-0 ... Mr M. Price (7)
0-FP ANIRAMSKY (BF) 10-10-0 ... W. Williams
Betting forecast: 5-2 Slieve Bracken, 7-2 Moon Dreamer, 4 Grannie's Pet, 6 Stowell Grove, 8 Chrysippos.

8 30—PERSHORE NOVICE HURDLE: Div 2: 2m: £807 (12 runners).
F-P0 BEST INTENT 8-10-12 ... Mr B. Dowling (7)
LARRAMORE OUTLAW 6-10-12 ... P. Nicholls
2-0B MAJORIAN 7-10-12 J. A. Harris
0-PF RINGABELL 5-10-12 ... A. Sharp
P02 SAILING BY (BF) 7-10-12 ... J. J. O'Neill
000 THE BONDERIZER 5-10-12 ... Peter Hobbs
000 TIXALL BOY 6-10-12 ... S. O'Neill
FP0 SANMERINO SOL 6-10-7 ... J. Frost
00-P SHUTTLECOCK DARTER 5-10-7 ... A. Lovell
-PPP WOODLAND RETREAT 5-10-7 ... P. Warner
40 ALLGATE 4-10-2 ... P. Leach
F PETITE MIRAGE 4-10-2 ...
Betting forecast: 8-13 Sailing By, 9-2 Allgate, 6 Sanmerino Sol, 10 The Bonderizer, 12 Ringabell.

Market Rasen

6 00 Rhymarc
6 30 It'm For Gala
7 00 Bally-Go
7 30 Castle Official
8 00 Prelko
8 30 Burglars Walk

*—DENOTES BLINKERS: GOING: Firm

6 0—GRIMSBY TYRE & EXHAUST CENTRE SELLING HURDLE: 2m: £476 (11 runners).
000 BAHRAIN PEARLS (C/D) 5-12-0 ... M. Bowlby (7)
004 FAIR MARINER 5-11-7 S. Charlton
400 QUINTA DO LAGO * 4-11-7 ... K. Burke (7)
P RAGTIME BLUES 5-11-2 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
FPF RHYMARC 5-11-2 ... J. Hansen
000 EMMETTS PROVIDENCE 4-11-0 ... M. Charles
230 ROSEMAN 4-11-0 P. Blackburn (4)
000 DARING PRANK 4-10-9 ... M. Pepper
0PP ETERNAL DANCER 4-10-9 J. Barlow
P00 JACKS FOLLEY 4-10-9 ... G. Williams (7)
P MILL HOUSE LADY * 4-10-9 ... W. Humphries (7)
Betting forecast: 9-4 Roseman, 4 Fair Mariner, 5 Jacks Folley, 6 Rhymarc, 8 Quinta Do Lago, 10 Bahrain Pearls.

6 30—JOHN MORRIS MOTORS LTD JUVENILE HURDLE: 4-Y-O: 2m: £1,330 (10 runners).
311 MARLION (D) 11-3 K. Teelan (4)
001 RABIRIUS (D) 11-0 ... C. Grant
040 ASIAN KING * 10-10 M. Richards
040 GIFTED GIFT * 10-10 S. Johnson
323 IT'M FOR GALA (BF) 10-10 ... R. O'Leary
000 SEYL 10-10 ... J. Barlow
0 SPICE MARKET 10-10 D. Coakley (4)
4P0 THE REEDCUTTER 10-10 ... Dean McKeown (7)
000 VIDEO BOOM 10-10 ... Mr M. Thompson (7)
0 RECORD RISE 10-5 ...
Betting forecast: 7-4 Marlion, 5-2 Rabirius, 5 It'm For Gala, 8 Gifted Gift, 10 Asian King, 12 Spice Market.

7 0—ALFRED McALPINE HOMES HANDICAP CHASE: 3m; £2,415. (3 runners).
-000 GOOD CRACK (D) 8-12-0 ... C. Pimlott
100 BALLY-GO * (D) 8-11-6 C. Grant
3P0 SANTA NOEL (C/D) 9-10-0 ... S. Johnson
Betting forecast: Evens Good Crack, 7-4 Bally-Go, 3 Santa Noel.

7 30—PRIMO WINDOW SYSTEMS LTD LONG DISTANCE NOVICE HURDLE: 2½m: £1,380 (13 runners).
111 CASTLE OFFICIAL 7-11-3 C. Pimlott
1P2 ANOIS IS ARIS (BF) 8-10-12 ... M. Pitman (4)
024 CONSCRIPTION 5-10-12 ... P. Blackburn (4)
000 EVEN DEEPER 5-10-7 ... D. Dutton
240 HOUSE OF LORDS 6-10-7 R. O'Leary
1P0 MARAMZI (D) 7-10-7 ...
000 PAY ZONE 5-10-7 ... K. Whyte
400 PRINCE LAFITE 5-10-7 ... C. Grant
000 ROYAL REVENGE * 6-10-7 ... M. Charles
3-0 WALTON HEATH 5-10-7 ... Mr M. Thompson (7)
BURGH MILL GIRL 5-10-2 ... K. Burke (7)
GIN BAR 5-10-2 ... M. L. Kirby
020 MISS TALLI 6-10-2 ... J. Barlow
Betting forecast: 5-2 Castle Official, 3 Anois Is Aris, 5 House of Lords, 7 Conscription, 10 Miss Talli.

8 0—GRIMSBY MOTORS HANDICAP CHASE: 2m 5f: £1,725 (10 runners).
321 DON'T FORGET (5lb ex) (C/D) 11-12-1 ... C. Pimlott
104 BOOK OF KELLS (C/D) 10-10-11 ... D. Dutton
B22 STAND BACK (D) (BF) 8-10-10 ... Mr P. J. Dun (4)
000 FOGGY BUOY (C/D) 11-10-10 C. Grant
202 PRELKO * (C/D) (BF) 10-10-3 ... R. O'Leary
030 SEA SPLASH 9-10-0 ... M. Brennan
110 REJUVENATOR (C) 9-10-0 ... D. Coakley (4)
123 COEUR VALLIANT (C) 7-10-0 ... Mr M. Thompson (7)
000 KUMON SUNSHINE 8-10-0 ...
012 JOAT 9-10-0 ... R. Crank
Betting forecast: 7-2 Don't Forget, 4 Book Of Kells, 5 Stand Back, 6 Prelko, 7 Rejuvenator, 10 Coeur Valliant.

8 30—SUTTON NOVICE CHASE: 2m; £960 (9 runners).
-0FP AIRMOUNT 8-11-7 ... S. Johnson
3-PP BUCHANAN * 10-11-7 G. Evans (7)
P00 LE TOUQUET 6-11-7 ... J. Barlow
232 RASTASEMEFAICH 7-11-7 Mr L. Kirby
2P0 SUDBROOKE PARK 7-11-7 M. Brennan
-0P0 THE CLIFTONIAN * 7-11-7 M. Charles
04-P SEALEGATION 11-11-2 ... Mr Dee Williams (7)
423 BURGLARS WALK 5-11-0 ... C. Grant
Betting forecast: 11-10 Burglars Walk, 7-2 Rastasemefaich, 5 Sudbrooke Park, 8 Le Touquet, 10 Airmount.

KEMPTON PARK

1 30 Tamertown Lad (nb)
2 00 Vin de France
2 30 Bold Realm
3 15 Hotbee
3 45 Moon Jester
4 15 King Denzil

DRAW: HIGH numbers favoured beyond 7f.
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to firm

—ITV—

1 30 — POLYCELL-WILLIE CARSON APPRENTICE CHALLENGE ROUND 3 (Handicap): 1m; £2,628 (12 runners).
1 (9) 000000- NASR * (D) P. Butler 4-9-10 ...
2 (4) 0/400-1 VINO ROSSO (C/D) A. Turnell 5-9-4 ... S. Saltmarsh
5 (1) 120 BEAU DIAMOND M. Francis 5-8-10 ... A. Gibbons (3)
6 (6) 04230-1 TAMERTOWN LAD (5lb ex) J. Jenkins 4-8-4 ... G. Sylvester
7 (11) 2223-00 PRINCESS POSSUM P. Mitchell 4-8-1 ... D. Simms (3)
8 (12) 400030- VAGABUNDO M. Ryan 4-7-11 G. Bardwell (3)
9 (6) 12100-0 FAST SERVICE (D) C. A. Horgan 6-7-11 ... C. Kennedy (3)
10 (3) 003300- MOUSLAT P. Cole 5-7-11 ... A. Heywood (3)
11 (2) 40/000- SUE CLARE J. Bradley 5-7-7 ...
12 (7) 000000- MONSOON * Peter Taylor 4-7-7 G. Brewett (3)
13 (10) D00-002 BOAS FESTAS Pat Mitchell 5-7-7 S. Hudson
14 (5) 0/0400- KINZ P. Butler 4-7-7 ...
1984: Hawkley 4-9-4 A. Shoults, 10-1, P. Haslam, 14 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Tamertown Lad, 100-30 Vino Rosso, 5 Fast Service, 8 Mouslat, 10 Beau Diamond, 12 Boas Festas
TOP FORM TIPS: Tamertown Lad 8, Vino Rosso 7, Mouslat 6.

—ITV—

2 0—HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MAIDEN STAKES (QUALIFIER): 3-Y-O; 1m; £4,020 (22 runners).
1 (5) 020 ABSOLUTE BOUNDER R. Hanson 9-0 A. McGlone
2 (16) 0 BOLD PILLAGER J. Dunlop 9-0 ... B. Rouse
3 (9) 0- COMMITMENT J. Toller 9-0 ... M. Banner
4 (16) 0-0 CRIMSON GOLD A. Pitt 9-0 ... A. Clark
5 (4) 0-0 CRORE P. Cole 9-0 ...
6 (7) 00000-0 DISPORT W. Wightman 9-0 ... P. Waldron
7 (15) 00 HOME FRONT D. J. Smith 9-0 ... M. Wigham
8 (2) 0 HURSLEY R. Sheather 9-0 ... R. Cochrane
11 (21) 000-0 KNIGHT HOSPITALIER C. Nelson 9-0 I. Johnson
13 (1) 2- PICTOGRAPH I. Balding 9-0 ... J. Matthias
14 (13) 0 POWER BENDER G. P-Gordon 9-0 ... G. Duffield
15 (12) 04 PRESIDENTIAL * D. Sasse 9-0 ... D. McKay
16 (3) 04-04 SCHLEMMER P. Kelleway 9-0 Gay Kelleway (5)
17 (11) 32-0 SPLIT IMAGE (BF) J. Hindley 9-0 J. Mercer
18 (17) TAPPET R. Smyth 9-0 ... S. Whitworth (3)
19 (14) 0 TENDER THOUGHT J. Sutcliffe 9-0 E. Johnson
21 (8) 4 VIN DE FRANCE H. Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery
22 (22) WELSH VALE J. Dunlop 9-0 ... N. Dawe (5)
24 (18) 0 WESSEX N. Vigors 9-0 ... P. Cook
25 (19) 0 WESTGATE WONDER J. Sutcliffe 9-0 R. McGhin
26 (10) 00 ZABAEUCCI M. McCormack 9-0 ... M. Thomas
28 (20) JUNE MAID M. Ryan 8-11 ... A. Bond
1984: Assail, 9-0 A. Clark, 4-5 fav G. Harwood 24 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Vin de France, 4 Split Image, 6 Pictograph, Schlemmer, 8 Bold Pillager, 12 Power Bender.
TOP FORM TIPS: Vin de France 9, Split Image 7, Pictograph 6.

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2 30 — HAWKINS OF HARROW HANDICAP: 6f; £4,677 (11 runners).
3 (1) 000100- CREE BAY J. Spearing 6-9-7 ... P. Cook
4 (5) 02010-0 DEPUTY HEAD (D) J. Holt 5-9-7 P. Waldron
5 (4) 2423-04 DAWN'S DELIGHT (D) K. Ivory 7-9-2 ... G. Mash (7)
7 (8) 10000-0 FERRYMAN (D) D. Elsworth 9-9-1 ...
8 (11) 000030- HIT THE HEIGHTS (D) J. Holt 4-9-1 ... W. Osborne (7)
9 (9) 0001-00 MY SON MY SON * (D) R. Sheather 4-8-11 ... R. Cochrane
11 (10) 4001-01 DORKING LAD (7lb ex) M. Blanshard 3-8-9 ... B. Rouse
13 (3) 40000-0 AMEGHINO M. McCourt 5-8-7 ... R. Wernham
14 (6) 103004- HOLT ROW M. McCormack 4-8-4 M. Thomas
16 (7) 100-000 BOLD REALM (D) A. Jarvis 4-8-3 A. Clark
17 (2) 213000- LILY OF FRANCE (C) D. Laing 3-8-1 ... D. McKay
1984: Kathred 6-8-9 W. R. Swinburn 11-2 R. Hollinshead 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 7-2 Dorking Lad, 4 Deputy Head, 9-2 Dawn's Delight, 6 My Son My Son, 8 Bold Realm, 12 Ferryman, Holt Row.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dorking Lad 8, Dawn's Delight 7, Bold Realm 6.

3 15—E. B. F MENTMORE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES: 2-Y-O: 5f: £2,420 (7 runners).
1 (1) ANN AESTHETIC J. Sutcliffe 8-11 E. Johnson
3 (2) 023 DANCING FILLE (BF) R. Williams 8-11 ... R. Cochrane
4 (6) EXCLUSIVE CAT I. Balding 8-11 ... J. Matthias
5 (5) 23 HOTBEE J. Bridger 8-11 ... N. Dawe (5)
9 (3) MONSARAH P. Cundell 8-11 ... T. Rogers
12 (4) 0 STEPHIL D. Thom 8-11 ... Paul Eddery
13 (7) 0 SUMMERHILL SPRUCE Miss A. Sinclair 8-11 ... A. McGlone
1984: Sharp Ascent 8-11 W. R. Swinburn 2-5 fav M. Stoute 6 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-4 Dancing Fille, 100-30 Exclusive Cat, 4 Hotbee, 13-2 Ann Aesthetic, 12 Monsarah.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dancing Fille 8, Hotbee 7.

3 45—PRINCESS HANDICAP: 1½m; £3,272 (10 runners).
2 (6) 41340-0 CARO'S GIFT (C/D) G. P-Gordon 4-9-7 ... G. Duffield
3 (9) 0/12- TOUCHEZ LE BOIS M. Albina 4-9-2 ... A. Bond
4 (8) 00020- MUBARAK OF KUWAIT (D) J. Sutcliffe 6-9-1 ...
6 (4) 022400- ABERFIELD (C) (D) P. Kelleway 8-9-0 ... Gay Kelleway (5)
8 (10) 000330- MACMILLION Mrs B. Waring 6-8-13 J. Williams
9 (1) 3040-00 MOON JESTER (C/D) M. Usher 5-8-11 D. McKay
10 (3) 133200- LAURIE'S PANTHER C. A. Bell 4-8-11 ... R. Cochrane
11 (2) 12440-0 ACERCATE * M. E. Francis 4-8-8 Paul Eddery
13 (5) 22104-0 WESTERN DANCER (D) C. Horgan 4-8-6 P. Cook
14 (7) 140430- WHISKEY EYES S. Mellor 4-8-3 ... M. Wigham
1984: Serheed 4-7-11 T. Quinn 11-4 fav P. Cole 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Touchez Le Bois, 4 Moon Jester, 5 Aberfield, 7 Caro's Gift, 8 Western Dancer, 10 Acercate, 12 Whiskey Eyes, 14 Laurie's Panther.
TOP FORM TIPS: Aberfield 8, Touchez Le Bois 7, Caro's Gift 6.

4 15—WATERLOO MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES: 2-Y-O: 5f; £2,203 (14 runners).
1 (14) 32 ME AND MY SHADOW D. Sasse 9-0 N. Dawe (5)
2 (7) 0 LOFT BOY N. Vigors 8-11 ... P. Cook
3 (12) OCEAN LAD R. Hanson 8-11 ...
4 (2) TOFFEE APPLE D. Thom 8-11 ... R. Wernham
5 (6) 0242 KING DENZIL (BF) R. J. Williams 8-9 B. Rouse
6 (1) 0 PORO BOY C. Williams 8-7 ...
7 (11) 0 STEEL CYGNET Pat Mitchell 8-7 ... W. Higgins
8 (3) 0 PADDINGTON BELLE K. Ivory 8-6 R. Cochrane
9 (9) KEEP IT LOW G. Blum 8-4 ... G. Duffield
13 (10) 40 DIAMOND SKY C. Wildman 8-3 ...
15 (13) NEVER BEE J. Bridger 8-3 ...
16 (5) 0 DEAR YASMINA A. Jarvis 8-2 ... A. P. O'Reilly (7)
18 (8) 00 BERNIGRA GIRL M. Haynes 8-0 ... M. Thomas
19 (4) L'ETOILE DU PALAIS Peter Taylor 8-0 ... S. Whitworth (3)
1984: Lily of France 8-4 J. Reid 8-1 D. Laing 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 King Denzil, 3 Me And My Shadow, 9-2 Loft Boy, 6 Diamond Sky, 8 Ocean Lad, 12 Dear Yasmina.
TOP FORM TIPS: King Denzil 8, Me And My Shadow 7, Loft Boy 6.

RESULTS

NEWMARKET

2.0 (5f): 1, GWYDION, S. Cauthen (11-10 fav); 2, Gliding Max (7-4); 3, Wanton (33-1). Also: 12 Atropine, 14 New Edition 5th, 20 Makaline, 25 Absolute Service 4th, 50 Special Guest 6th (8 ran). Nk, 2½, 1½, 1½. (H. Cecil). Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.10, £2.10. Dual F: £2.50. CSF: £3.16. 1m 0.11s.

2.35 (5f): 1, MAZAAD, S. Cauthen (1-2 fav); 2, Camcestra (7-2); 3, Herb Robert (5-1). (3 ran). 2½, 12. (H. Cecil). Tote: £1.30. Dual F: £1.20. CSF: £2.26. 1m 00.58s.

3.5 (6f): 1, INISHPOUR, A. Mackay (25-1); 2, Bulrush (5-2 fav); 3, Coincidental (14-1); 4, Persian Pleasure (20-1). Also: 7 Foulaad 6th, Ilton Moor, 14 Andrios, Durham Place 5th, Hi-Tech Girl, Kieserisky, Midnight Gun, Pettingale, 16 Kip, 20 Star Video, The Andystan, 33 Fremont Boy, Illet (17 ran). Nk, hd, 1½, 1, nk (G. Fletcher). Tote: £36.20; £5.20, £1.10, £2.50, £6.50. Dual F: £126.50. CSF: £84.88. Tricast: £883.87. 1m 12.11s.

3.40 (1½m): 1, KIRMANN, S. Cauthen (11-1); 2, Jupiter Island (11-2); 3, Art Bifid (50-1). Also: 9-4 fav Circus Plume 5th, 3 Gay Lemur ur, 6 Ilium 6th, 20 Long Pond 4th, 50 Bold Connection. (8 ran). 5l, 3, 5, 7, 1½. (R. Houghton). Tote: £8.50; £2.00, £1.80, £5.00. Dual F: £14.90. CSF: £51.44. 2m 31.57sec.

Old Country (10-1) withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies. Deduct 10 pence in the pound.

4.10 (1¼m): 1, CAPO DI MONTE, A. Kimberley (12-1); 2, Pretty Pol (15-2); 3, Tesand (9-1). 8-11 fav Northern Aspen 6th, 15-2 Shadywood 4th, 10 Rye Tops 5th, 20 Impressive Reward, 25 Dancelo, 50 Arabian Moon. (9 ran). ¾, 3, 4, 2½. (M. Stoute). Tote: £16.90; £4.00, £1.60, £2 ... Dual F: £41.70. CSF: £89.63. 2m 5.37sec.

4.40 (1m): 1, CONCORDE ISLAND, S. Cauthen (9-2); 2, Castle Tweed (7-2); 3, Shellman (20-1). 3-1 fav Great Northern 4th, 10 Hollow Ring, No Rebate, Stubble 6th, 11 Honeyman, 14 Simple Love, 20 Reveille 5th, Sparkling Wit. (11 ran). 3l, 1½, nk, 3, 1½. (B. Hills). Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £1.50, £4.10. Dual F: £9.80. CSF: £20.11. Tricast: £250.99. 1m 38.01sec.

5.10 (1m): 1, POSITIVE, A. Murray (Evens fav); 2, Sage Cock (3-1); 3, Ritual Music (5-1). Also: 7 Chevromance 4th, 14 Fleet Special. (5 ran). 2l, 4, 1½, nk. (N. Thomson Jones). Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.60. Dual F: £3.20. CSF: £4.23. 1m 41.33sec. JACKPOT not won. (£3,230.28 carried forward). Single winner bonus: £358.92. Placepot: £390.35.

CARLISLE

2.15 (5f): 1, MISS NATALIE, A. Roper (6-1); 2, Welsh Actress (14-1); 3, Package Perfection (9-4 fav). 10 ran (N. Callaghan). Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £1.10, £2.10. Dual F: £40.80. CSF: £77.17.

2.45 (5f): 1, COMPOSER, M. Brennan (25-1); 2, Debris (7-1); 3, Rapid Lady (10-1); 4, Highland Major (33-1). Laura's Choice 9-2 fav. 21 ran (M. James). Tote: £25.50; £10.80, £2.10, £1.40, £2.70. Dual F: £273.30. CSF: £193.13. Tricast: £1,798.79.

3.15 (6f): 1, ORCHID DANCER, J. Lowe (3-1); 2, Caernarvon Bay (16-1); 3, Laughing Matter (9-4 fav); 4, Plumond (12-1). 16 ran (S. Norton). Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £3.20, £1.90, £4.20. Dual F: £52.60. CSF: £52.40. Tricast: £122.06.

3.45 (1m): 1, FRANCA PUZZLE, R. Lines (6-1); 2, Matrah (6-1); 3, Russell Creek (10-1). Sweet Camden Evens fav. 14 ran (M. Jarvis). Tote: £6.70; £2.40, £1.80, £7.40. Dual F: £7.00. CSF: £49.42.

4.15 (1m 1f 80yds): 1, CAROLYNCHRISTENSEN, A. Roper (11-4 fav); 2, Dispatch Back (6-1); 3, Glenangel (7-1). 11 ran. (R. Callaghan). Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.80, £1.90. Dual F: £12.80. CSF: £18.19. Tricast: £94.55.

4.45 (1¼m): 1, KAZAROUN, R. Hills (4-6 fav); 2, Masterly (7-1); 3, Queens Man (20-1). 18 ran. (M. Stoute). Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £3.20, £7.40. Dual F: £6.80. CSF: £7.63.

PLACEPOT: £47.05.

PLUMPTON

2.0 (2m Hdle): 1, BLUECHER, R. Goldstein (10-1); 2, Man O'Magic (10-11 fav); 3, Himerie (7-1). 14 ran. (D. Grissell). Tote: £12.40; £1.90, £1.20, £2.60. Dual F: £3.30. CSF: £21.29. NR: Shangoseer, Charlie November, Mister Hammy.

2.30 (3m 1f Ch): 1, PRINCE CARLTON, Miss C. Saunders (100-30 fav); 2, Round The Twist (6-1); 3, Bald Yeoman (4-1). 9 ran. (Mrs J. Bloom). Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £2.60, £2.40. Dual F: £5.80. CSF: £23.04.

3.0 (2m Hdle): 1, HALL'S PRINCE, B. Reilly (9-4 fav); 2, Devenias (3-1); 3, Boufire (6-1). 10 ran. (G. Balding). Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £1.30, £1.90. Dual F: £3.00. CSF: £9.95. Tricast: £34.66. NR: Erida Street, No Hack, Irish Guest, Misty Rocket.

3.30 (2½m Ch): 1, BUCKS GREEN, R. Rowe (2-1 fav); 2, Bailiwa (9-4); 3, Retsel (4-1). 7 ran (J. Gifford). Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.80. Dual F: £2.80. CSF: £6.35. NR: Admiral Grenville

4.0 (2½m Hdle): 1, STAR CHARTER, Mr S. Sherwood (11-8 fav); 2, Flash Fred (2-1); 3, Viso Festa (20-1). 10 ran (J. Jenkins). Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.50, £3.80. Dual F: £2.60. CSF: £4.51. Tricast: £29.83. NR: Silent Echo

4.30 (2m Ch): 1, IRISH PAGEANT, R. Goldstein (11-2); 2, Scale The Heights (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Italian Affair (11-2). Stretch Out 4-1 jt-fav. 12 ran (J. Bridger). Tote: £4.60; £2.40, £1.70, £1.60. Dual F: £7.60. CSF: £28.55. NR: Frimley Town, What A Fiddle, Barfreston.

5.0 (2m Flat): 1, WAUKIKI, Mr T. Thomson Jones (3-1); 2, Star Wonder (20-1); 3, Wilbird (20-1). Cawles Clown 11-10 fav. 16 ran (C. Thornton). Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £2.20, £5.20. Dual F: £13.50. CSF: £65.12. NR: Debbies Prince, Empress Josephine.

PLACEPOT: £1.95.

● Last night's results from Taunton are on page 15.

DIARY

HERE is a cautionary tale for journalists who become involved with m'learned friends. Mr Bill Buford, the editor of Granta, the Penguin-published literary magazine was recently sent an article and documents relating to Mr Heseltine's "Crown Jewels." Worried about the "Top Secret" classification on some of the material, he sent it to Penguin's London lawyers, Denton Hall, and Burgin. The lawyers promptly requested Mr Buford to come and meet counsel urgently since they proposed returning the documents to the Government.

"If anyone receives a document which is under the Official Secrets Act there is a duty for that to be handed over to an official of the Government. The Act itself doesn't differentiate between private individuals, journalists or lawyers," said Mr Alan Williams of the firm yesterday. "There is no reason, I suppose, why a solicitor or barrister should be treated any differently. Journalists are best advised not to produce such documents to their lawyers."

Mr Buford was strangely silent about the incident yesterday, but it is understood that after heated discussions a compromise was reached whereby the document was shredded before m'learned friend's relieved eyes.

MR GEORGE Seawright, the Ulster Unionist politician who advocates incinerating Catholics, was released from Crumlin Road prison yesterday after 15 days for refusing to pay a fine. Amusingly, he spent the entire time locked up in a two-mancell with a 24-year-old Catholic. They talked religion, but, says Mr S, steered clear of controversy.

THE brain drain out of GCHQ is progressing at an alarming rate. The most telling loss so far is Mr Alexander Hamilton — the most senior official to retain his union membership, who has just taken redundancy at the age of 53. GCHQ can ill afford to lose his talent. He is fluent in 27 languages, according to the FO's definition of fluency. He is also said to be a brilliant mathematician.

Mrs T is said to be impressed by a Reagan administration guideline saying that there is no need to worry about public sector pay levels until the "quit factor" reaches 12 per cent. In some GCHQ sections the quit factor is reported to be as high as 50 per cent.

SMALL world. Mr John Garnett of the Industrial Society and instigator of the T & GWU is the father of Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Tory MP for Surrey SW, and father-in-law of Mr Peter Bottomley, MP for Eltham—and one of the very few Tory MPs to be a member of the T & GWU.

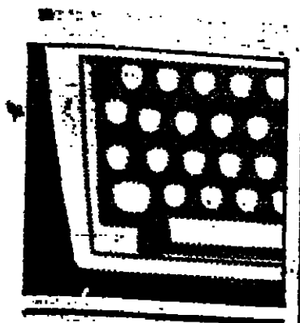
DAILY Mail and Sun readers were treated to a shocking tale last Tuesday: "Rampage of the tiny vandals, aged 10" announced the Mail on page one. A 24-paragraph story followed, telling how eight and 10-year-old pupils at Hamp Junior School in Bridgwater tore apart a community centre in an "orgy of destruction" after striking teachers had refused to supervise their lunch hour. The story dominated page three, too, with a large picture. The Sun's story similarly trumpeted: "School strike sends kids on rampage."

The only weakness in this story is that it wasn't true. The teachers did indeed refuse to supervise a lunch hour. But a Bridgwater police spokesman said yesterday: "We have evidence that the vast majority of the damage was done at the weekend and during the evening — not during lunch." Nor is there any evidence that children from the school were involved. "We believe that juveniles and adults were involved," said the police.

The Sun had not corrected the report by yesterday. The Mail carried four paragraphs on page three withdrawing the story. The paper has paid £250 to the school fund. So everything is all right again.

THE new sextuplets should get cracking with the marketing. The Walton sextuplets are now represented by Ettinger Bros of Liverpool, who are even now canvassing publishers as to a book of "worldwide interest." They add: "Graham and Janet Walton and ourselves firmly believe that there is opportunity to commission other 'spin off' books, such as a 'Picture Book' of the babies development, or perhaps a 'Communal Mothers Handbook' for mothers with little time on their hands." Nor is that all: "Apart from anything else we feel that this is just one avenue which may be available."

Alan Rusbridger



MICHAEL WHITE, in Texas, with the Johnson faithful who recall the President's victories

Still all the way with LBJ



Lyndon Johnson: the President who wanted to be loved

VETERANS of the conflict gathered the other day to commemorate Lyndon Johnson's other war, the one against poverty, illiteracy, sickness and racial discrimination, especially racial discrimination. Together they constitute that legislative surge just 20 years ago known, or, if remembered at all in contemporary Washington, derided as "The Great Society."

In this anniversary-conscious country the Johnson clan had to organise the event themselves. This they did without embarrassment in the LBJ Museum and Library on the oil-rich university of Texas campus (student population 7,000) at Austin-Johnson's home turf, deceptively green at this time of year, on the edge of the Texas hill country where he was born. When it was over Mrs Lady Bird Johnson presided over a barbecue at the LBJ ranch.

It is the peculiar misfortune of Johnson's Presidency (1963-69) to be overshadowed by the martyred glamour of the Kennedys, by the villainy of Nixon, and by the Vietnam war which Johnson neither started nor finished but prosecuted with his usual energy. He is even cursed—in Robert Caro—with a brilliant but relentless biographer who portrays a political operator of genius, driven by ambition and an attitude towards men and money less pristine than that of his daddy, a notable Texas politician who died poor.

"I can't understand why the people don't love me more," Johnson once told Dean Acheson. "Mr President, maybe it's because you are not very lovable" Acheson replied. Well, here were a few hundred people who did love LBJ and wanted to talk about him and the Great Society, not Vietnam and the Kennedys.

Blacks who had been getting their heads broken in the southern dust and now wept for the Civil Rights Act and (several recalled this) for a President who said "we shall overcome" with a Southern accent. Then there were 79 elected black officials, now there are 6,000. And poor Mexican Americans like the ones Johnson taught in his first job at Cotulla near the border, people who had been given a chance by the Head-start Programme which not even Reagan is cutting.

There cannot have been such a fixer since Lloyd George. But LBJ, though he dished out grants to people on the FBI's subversive list, was never a radical, a "country liberal" at best, or "a man of infinite practicality, unencumbered by theory," as his press secretary, Bill Moyers, recalled. It was just that coming to power on Kennedy's assassination, amid early 60s affluence and a wave of sympathy for civil rights, Johnson realised that this was one of history's rare affordable moments for a big push.

And so it was for a while, Medicare for the old, Medicaid for the poor, Head-start, The Jobs Corps (which Mr Reagan wants abolished), The Voting Rights Act, Federal Aid (at last) for education and for housing.

Where and why did it go wrong? How did Reagan get into the White House, there to chip away at their beloved programmes and send out ambiguous signals about turning back the civil rights clock? Though the tone was celebratory, if defensive, a few brave souls dared to ask and not just the token conservatives imported for the occasion. It is a tale for our time as well as theirs.

Vietnam, of course. By eloquent coincidence the session took place not on the twentieth anniversary of Johnson's Great Society speech in Michigan, but of the weekend in Camp David when he decided to give the chiefs of staff the troops they wanted. Johnson thought he could have guns and butter and he dared not raise taxes. That would give the southern hawks an excuse to vote against the Great Society and the hawks an excuse to vote against the war. So what they got was inflation and economic atrophy as well as 58,000 dead.

The conservatives present insisted that crime on the streets and chaos in the schools were direct consequences of the excessive use of federal power, megalomania as the critics called it at the time. Though the majority weren't accepting that, they did admit they tried to do too much. When Joe Califano's six-year-old swallowed a bottle of aspirin, LBJ came up with the Child Safety Act.

What actually seems to have happened is a conflict of economic interest, of class interests as Europeans would more enthusiastically put it. This was a top-down revolution, a masterful President marshalling a 2 : 1 majority in the 89th Congress. Sargent Shriver put it rather well. Kennedy brother-in-law, Kennedy-Johnson peace corps director, an incorrigible old charmer who has stayed in touch with most of the factions (McGovern's running mate in '72), he argued that so bad had been the condition of the average American in 1932 that FDR's had been a revolution by the majority for the majority. Likewise Reagan's attempted counter-revolution for the affluent majority at the expense of the poor. But LBJ's had been "the only national policy conducted by the majority for the benefit of the minority."

And it hasn't stuck. Johnson had anticipated it, for on the morning of the passing of the Civil Rights Act he told Moyers: "I have just delivered the south to the Republican Party for your lifetime. So the skilled white workers who now vote Reagan — and Thatcher — got scared. Real income declined. The blacks seemed to threaten their jobs. The middle class decided it might have more to lose than to gain.

Perhaps if LBJ could have got them into the Oval Office four at a time he could have flattered and cajoled them, offered their nephews a judgeship and held the line. He was that sort of politician. But he was not the man to hold the mass of public opinion.

The welfare programmes either did not help the poor or helped the middle class just as much. He was brave but inadequate, losing his own ground irretrievably when he said that the Civil Rights movement would have triumphed — without government interference. Awfully hard to use your political clout when you're not allowed to vote, drawled an old black professor.

But for paid-up Democrats struggling to reform and win back the White House for only the second time since Johnson, the situation is full of dangers and ironies. Has American poverty returned to the level of 20 per cent (30-40 million) or is it a mere "residual" 20 million, the 7-8 per cent level achieved by The Great Society? And if Reagan is not destroying The Great Society does that mean that their basic achievements are irreversible? The answer is probably that Reagan would if he could, but he daren't — just like Mrs Thatcher. To many in Austin this sounds unacceptably optimistic.

One reason for optimism is a paradoxical one, referred to with passing indignation at the seminar. The middle class got hold of many of The Great Society benefits which helps make them so expensive. Mr Reagan may denounce them but when he tries to cut them, as he did student grants, he inflicts squeals of pain upon middle class Republicans whom The Great Society created in large numbers. Without The Great Society this last recession would have been worse, said someone. It would have been impossible, said someone else, there would have been riots without our safety net.

And if welfare capitalism has a future there ought to be a place in its Pantheon for Johnson.

Living dangerously in a world of free spirits

MARTIN KETTLE on how Larry Gostin came to grief

THE CLASH over civil liberty principles which has now led to the resignation of the general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, Larry Gostin had seemed inevitable ever since the publication of the NCCL's independent inquiry report on the miners' strike in December last year. But the showdown was in nobody's mind when Gostin was appointed as general secretary to succeed Patricia Hewitt in 1983.

The choice of Gostin was enthusiastically welcomed within NCCL six months ago.

Any general secretary of NCCL has to perform delicate balancing acts. There is the endemic problem of holding together, on civil liberty principles, an organisation which brings together widely disparate political and single-issue campaigns — the problem which eventually proved Gostin's undoing at the annual general meeting last weekend. There is also the difficulty of arbitrating the long-standing tensions between the executive, which is elected by the NCCL's members and affiliates, and the council's staff.

Gostin's relations with his staff began to deteriorate early in 1984, the NCCL's fiftieth anniversary year. Staff morale deteriorated amid accusations that Gostin was failingto g ive support to individuals, was off-loading administrative problems on to the rest of the office, and was downplaying established areas of the NCCL's work, notably in the anti-discrimination fields of women's rights and race relations.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of these disagreements, Gostin might have survived had he kept the support of the executive.

Things went wrong when NCCL decided to set up an independent inquiry into the policing of the miners' strike. The decision brought to a head the latent ideological split between the executive's labour movement allies, who wanted the inquiry to focus exclusively on police and court infringements of civil liberty, and Gostin and his supporters, who insisted that it must examine all issues, including the role of the miners themselves.

The first set of proposed terms of reference for the inquiry included the examination of the conduct of NUM pickets. But NCCL was then informed that the NUM would not cooperate on such a basis.

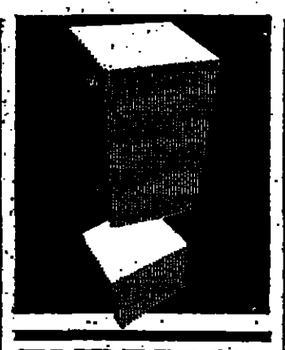
At a private meeting in July between Gostin and the three senior officials of the executive, a new set of terms of reference were hammered out. These were much shorter, and still focused on the police, courts and police authorities. But Gostin reported to the full executive in July that they would allow the inquiry the widest possible range. The executive backed his report and the inquiry was set up.

Meanwhile, NCCL had begun to recruit researchers to service the inquiry. These researchers produced a draft report in August which was heavily slanted towards the NUM perspective. The draft was thrown out, but a further rift had now developed between the inquiry team (which included Gostin) and the researchers.

The inquiry produced its own interim report in December. It received a hostile reception inside NCCL from the researchers, the staff and from the NCCL's trade union liaison committee, but was generally given a good press.

Then in February, at the end of a long meeting, the executive adopted a highly critical motion on the interim report drafted by the trade union sub-committee. It criticised the inquiry for overstepping its terms of reference and for producing a report which was "unnecessarily damaging to the miners' cause." Gostin had lost the support of his executive, and the scene was set for the final and bitter break this week.

The hooligan element that can take over when great minds meet



ENDPIECE

Roy Hattersley

I AM going to America for my Spring Bank Holiday in order to take part in what was meant to be a gathering of the 500 wisest men and women in the western world. Unfortunately one of the 500 wisest men and women is unable to attend. So the occasion has been downgraded to a meeting of the 499 wisest men and women in the western world and me. The life of a substitute is hard — awaiting with ambiguous anxiety the injury of a colleague, welcomed with enthusiasm when the match is going badly but almost always disappointing the hopes of the original team members who have survived the beginning of the game. At least this is the life of a reserve in association football. I see no reason why the same rules should not apply in upstate New York next month.

It will not be the first occasion on which I have accepted such a humble role. Then the meeting was composed of the 200 wisest men and women in Europe and was held in Andorra. The temptation to visit the place which once filled my album with gaudy postage stamps was irresistible. This year the lure is Ithaca, Utica, Attica and Troy in the spring — and, of course, the opportunity to listen to the carefully-honed opinions of the 499 wisest men and women in the world.

My suspicion is that were they to wish it the wisest men and women in the world could spend their entire lives moving from conference centre to conference centre discussing with one another the ways in which peace can be preserved, prosperity improved, trade encouraged, freedom protected, knowledge disseminated and everything which is remotely undesirable banished from the face of the earth.

Indeed, discussion on those subjects is so constant and so crudite that it is quite astonishing that peace, prosperity, trade, freedom and knowledge are doing so badly. Perhaps that is why — with Virtue United losing 5:1 after 75 minutes — fate has beckoned me on as substitute wearing clean shorts and a shirt with number 501 on the back.

I shall play rough and I am working on my intellectual sliding tackle, though I do not even aspire to the sort of cynical professional foul which I have previously discovered to be a feature of these contests. Some years ago in Washington a distinguished Democrat stumbled as he dissected to destruction a series of foreign policy speeches by Richard Nixon. It was a small slip, no more than a confusion of two perorations. But the moment that he lost his balance, half-a-dozen Republicans leapt on him. His confusion was, they said, unforgivable especially in the light of the fact that the President — ever conscious of his obligations to history — always announced the title by which each speech should be known.

For a moment I thought that the Democratic defender was done for. But as he staggered on with the admission that Mr Nixon was assiduous in the fulfilment of his duty to prosperity he suddenly retaliated with an item of joyful brutality which would have done credit to an old fashioned centre-half. The most memorable speeches, he said, needed no identifying titles. Then, smiling, he looked at the born-again Christians who had rounded on him and explained. "For example, Jesus Christ did not have a note issued editors saying, 'please describe last night's address as Sermon On The Mount.'

The scenes of unrestrained violence which followed exceeded anything that I have seen at a Chelsea football match. Nobody either butted an opponent in the face or scythed the legs from underneath an adversary. It was all far more brutal than that. Passing references were made to half forgotten diplomatic disasters. There were mentions of failure to obtain reappointment, on the re-election of Presidents and casual comments about allegations of cheating at Harvard, Princeton and Yale. It was not clear to spectators if the profanity to which the Republicans took such exception was the blaspheming against God or the clear contempt for President Nixon. To tender souls like me it was a great relief when the coffee gong was struck. At such meetings the essential task of saving the world is always interrupted in mid-morning for coffee.

The session which followed was far more tranquil. The Supreme Allied Commander Europe addressed the gathering on the subject of The Challenge To Youth—a title vaguely reminiscent of Vera Brittain—for a lecture which was far more sentimental than any of that lady's most romantic work. He addressed us in uniform and I could concentrate on nothing except the serried ranks of medal ribbons which covered the left side of this tunic from lapel to belt. I was, however, shaken out of my reveries on the Mexican/American war by his final flourish. "Why", he asked rhetorically, "should I speak for the youth of the west when one of them is here to speak for himself?" And on to the podium leapt a young man who has since become one of Labour's most Left-wing members of Parliament.

I cannot remember what he said. But I do recall that he wore a white, double-breasted jacket.

I left before the conference was over and called into New York on my way home. Stephen Sondheim's Follies was playing on Broadway, and I bought a ticket for a night of frivolous nostalgia. I can sing most of the songs from that show, thanks to the cast recording which I bought after the performance. But the lines which I remember best are an uncharitable comment on "dinner for ten elderly men, from the UN." Lunch with 499 of them is a formidable prospect. Think of me sympathetically next week.

Midland Bank

"The greater part of the group's activities have had a good year. They have made good profits; they are making good progress in their respective marketplaces.



Crocker has to be seen in that perspective and as a problem which we have isolated, which we are tackling vigorously, and which we will put behind us."

Sir Donald Barron, Chairman

Further points from Sir Donald's address at the Annual General Meeting on May 3, 1985.

The 48% increase in pre-tax profits in 1984 from Midland Bank Group excluding Crocker is a reflection of the replanning and restructuring of these operations during the last few years.

One of our key management objectives for 1984 was to manage our assets and liabilities more effectively and our success in this area is reflected in our year-end free capital ratio of 4.4%. We have already made clear our intention to make a perpetual floating rate note issue, ranking as primary capital, which will further strengthen our free capital ratio.

So far as our UK operations are concerned, we believe that, with our greater marketing orientation, with the new UK business structure we have set up, and with the encouraging results of the past year which show a substantial profit increase, we can face with some confidence the increasing competition in the UK from banks, building societies and other financial institutions. Apart from Crocker our international operations showed considerable progress.

Although we have only a 57% equity shareholding in Crocker at present, we do, of course, have to consolidate at the pre-tax level 100% of Crocker's results, and Crocker's loss of £222m seriously reduced the good profits from the rest of the Group.

Crocker required very hard work and very firm decisions from us during 1984 – from the Board, the Executive Committee and the Midland people directly concerned, as well as, most importantly, from the new management team which we were influential in appointing at Crocker after the first disclosure of the deteriorating position at the end of 1983.

The strength of the rest of the Group will support the rehabilitation of Crocker which should, in due course, produce good returns for Midland and its shareholders.

Midland Bank Group

Yorkshire casino scenes by Denis Thorpe

Luck be my lady tonight

You can see what gambling's really about when you walk into a casino, reports Geoffrey Beattie. There are good punters and there are mug punters, and there's a long winding social scale in between. The mug punters try to climb this social scale with their 25p chips. The good punters by definition have money to burn, and in a depressed town in the 1980s, that really is something.



IT'S Sunday afternoon, five past four in a casino in Sheffield. He's playing Blackjack, alone. Just him and the croupier — attractive, with beautiful white teeth. But she's stopped smiling. He's playing all seven boxes and he's good, perhaps too good. The £1,000 set float disappeared in about twenty minutes. The inspector and the pit boss are keeping a careful eye on him.

Blackjack has a 3 to 10 per cent edge in the house's favour (depending upon the strategy of the player) but this punter doesn't seem to know it. The other Blackjack tables have a few mug punters scattered about trying to buy cards in every deal and looking for five card tricks, who still think they're in their living room playing pontoon, but not this table. This punter's different. He watches the croupier dealing from the shoe with the utmost concentration. He bets with confidence. And he's winning.

The pit boss rings reception. "Guy in a grey suit, red striped tie, about fifty, gold-rimmed glasses. Who is he?" The receptionist noted him as he went in. "He's not a member — he came in with Bob, you know, Bob Jones, and he gave a Leeds address."

The pit boss calls the gaming manager over. He's been in the business for 20 years. He watches the unknown punter's style of play. "Definitely a card counter," he whispers. A card counter is someone who tries to work out the relative probability of a high or low card being dealt in Blackjack by memorising all the cards from the four packs used. Not illegal, but not desirable from the casino's point of view. Good card counters invariably win.

The gaming manager has a word with the pit boss. "I'll let him win another £500, then I'll have a word with him." It doesn't take long for the unknown punter to acquire his next £500. The croupier is starting to perspire, just a little. A small crowd has gathered.

The gaming manager intervenes. "Excuse me, sir, could I have a word with you. Would you like a meal in the restaurant or a bottle of champagne? Perhaps you'd like a break?" No deal.

"I'm sorry, sir, I've got the greatest respect for you, you've definitely beat us with your brains, but this casino simply can't afford you. Why don't you go down to London where they can." The unknown punter doesn't want a trip to London — he could afford the fare, though, for he's sitting with six grand in front of him. He just wants to know whether he's barred.

"Well, sir," says the gaming manager, "I'd hate you to come all the way down from Leeds next week only to find that you're not welcome."

The unknown punter gets the message. He and the gaming manager shake hands and he leaves amicably. Six grand for an afternoon's work isn't bad, and he's barred from most casinos in the country anyway. As he leaves, the gaming manager says to the pit boss, "There are only about half a dozen really good card counters in the world and he's certainly in that class."

When a guest wins the kind of money the unknown card counter has just won, the casino will usually make sure he signs up as a member before he leaves. That way, as one casino owner said to me, "As long as we can get him back through the doors again, we can look upon his winnings as borrowed money. We make sure we have all the details about punters who influence the results of the casino by as little as £100. We make sure we get them back." But nobody wants a card counter in the club either as a member or a guest.

Harry Sharpe just smiles at these goings on. He's a book-



'If we make a good profit, I like to see a regular punter take a couple of grand off us.'

maker, and a semi-professional gambler of a very different sort. "I'm not a card counter, I wouldn't play Blackjack — it's the worst game in terms of odds for the punter. I play Punto Banco and I reckon I've won £50,000 tax free in the past ten years. My method is simple: controlled gambling. I come in to win £20 in a night from each of two casinos. I gamble five nights a week. When I've got my £20, I stop. I gamble with £100 maximum. If I lose that, I stop.

"At least 75 per cent of punters will be winning at some point in the evening, but they're too greedy. If they win £90, they want to make it up to £100. I just go for £20, and I play Punto Banco because the house edge is lowest. The gaming staff all make jokes about it. They'll come up and say, 'Have you got your wages yet Harry?'" And Harry goes on his methodical and controlled way. Elsewhere in the casino, control just isn't working.

Brian Dooley, the gaming manager of Napoleon's, Sheffield's poshest casino, says that on occasions he has actually intervened with punters, who are also friends, when they've been ahead. "I took two grand off a punter and told him he wasn't going to get it until he left and got into his car. He wasn't too impressed at the time but was extremely grateful the next day. You have to intervene sometimes. If we make a good profit, I like to see a regular punter take a couple of grand off us.

"I used to be a real softie," says Brian, "this job used to depress me. You can see the despondency on people's faces. But if I wasn't doing this, I'd probably be on the dole now. Life in Sheffield has got hard."

On Saturday nights, though, the scene is somewhat different from Sunday afternoons. It's a night for small fry and spectators. The gaming room is full and big punters can't get near the tables. There's as many people watching as playing; it's a good night for poseurs. The poseurs get their money changed into 25 pence chips and sit with their huge columns of 25p chips in front of them. Other punters can't tell the value of the chips. As one casino owner put it, "they could get £5 or £10 chips but they prefer these enormous phallic symbols of 25p chips, and they like to put a lot on a number. I suppose it makes them feel big for the evening. My name is Bond and all that."

When you watch them play, you can see all the glamorous images of a hundred movies and a thousand newspaper articles flooding through their minds. They risk all, or at least 25p, on the spin of the wheel. "Luck be my lady tonight, Frankie babe, here's looking at you." The croupier looked bored.

Casinos are run as a tight ship. They have to be, because they're all about money, and money as we all know is a serious business. The figures are astounding. In 1982-83 the total drop (money changed for chips) in casinos in this country was £1,219,000,000 — a 21 per cent increase over the previous year. The major portion of the cake (£894,000,000) was gobbled up by 20 London casinos. The other £325,000,000 was fought over by the remaining 99 clubs in England, Scotland and Wales. Provincial gaming is in a different league from the capital. Brian Dooley says, "What we call our big punters, they wouldn't even buy them a drink down in London."

Casinos are also a scrupulously honest business. Mario Puzo (of Godfather fame) notes in his book, Inside Las Vegas, "after fifteen years of watching and trying to figure out how they cheat, I reluctantly came to the conclusion that Vegas has honest casino gambling and it may be the first time in the history of civilisation that gaming houses have been straight." And this from a self-declared degenerate gambler and inveterate loser.

The simple fact is that casinos can't afford to cheat: they've already got the edge, and they can't gamble their licence, and their huge capital investment, on trying to increase the edge in any way. Some punters, of course, think otherwise (and we have Hollywood and natural paranoia to blame for that). They ask for croupiers to be removed, balls to be changed, and wheels to be spun in the opposite direction. The fact that the two different types of ball used in Roulette have somewhat different properties, with the Teflon ball spinning faster, bouncing more, and making more noise than the ivory ball, reinforces the punters' belief about the casinos' hidden and devious influence.

Punters are as notoriously superstitious as they are suspicious. Some will only play when a certain croupier is in the room, others only when they're out of the room. They sit marking the sequences on their cards for Roulette, desperately seeking to find order in randomness. But entropy unfortunately always increases. Even Mario Puzo has a theory when it comes to Roulette, "Red and black paint differ in their chemical properties and reactions. Black paint tends to make the wooden fibres of the slot hard, making the ball bounce out. Therefore red is the better colour to play." But Puzo's system hasn't done him a lot of good. He says in his book that he's been losing for thirty years.

Max Silverman, one of the directors of the company that owns Napoleon's, says "The advantage of a system is that when you've lost all your money, you've still got it to hang on to." He mentions the famous gambling aphorism: "System going well, send more money."

So how do casinos go about attracting custom and building up a regular clientele? The obvious answer is that since the Gaming Act of 1968 came into being, with some difficulty, The Gaming Act aims to keep the supply of gaming facilities at a level only sufficient to satisfy any "unstimulated" demand for



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them. What this level is, of course, is a matter of some dissent. The holder of a gaming licence isn't permitted to stimulate demand, either by advertising, or by providing live entertainment, or dancing, or by offering credit for gaming. Clubs can lose their licences, and a number of well-known clubs in London were closed in the 1970s for a variety of infringements of the Act. In addition, the "hard" gaming areas have to be kept physically distinct from the areas in which the alcohol is served.

So how does a club like Napoleon's attract custom? Basically by creating an environment which non-gamblers might like to frequent, with an excellent restaurant and fashionable bar. Max Silverman says: "In the first instance it's just a case of getting bodies through the front door, like Harrods' sale. After that, it's a whole series of contingencies. Maybe they'll venture into the gaming room, maybe they'll try a bet to impress a girl friend, maybe they'll come back." And maybe they won't, there's nothing certain in this game.

But nevertheless, relying purely on word of mouth, the number of people through the door at Napoleon's (not necessarily entering the gaming room) has increased from 1,200 a week in 1978 to about 2,000 a week today. The good punters, of course, receive special treatment: special in that they get extra courteous attention from the staff, if not downright respect, and more. For example, the ten best punters were recently treated to a Variety Club do at the Cutlers' Hall in Sheffield to see some amateur boxing, plus a meal, then it was back to the casino presumably for them to say thank you in return.

But even Napoleon's best punters who get this kind of treatment wouldn't be noticed down in London. "Money is tight," says Max. "In the old days before VAT, there was a lot of loose money around. Now it's all in the till rather than the back pocket."

But the sixty-four-thousand dollar question is: Why do people gamble at all? Mario Puzo calls it a vice without any redeeming feature. "Drunkards are tragic or romantic, murderers interesting, gourmands and sex afficionados are approved, as at least getting something for their money." But gamblers, what do they get? I asked a wide variety of people who worked in casinos. The majority of employees did not gamble. Why do others? Some talked about the "charge," the "high" and its addictive nature, the excitement. Some pointed to the concentration required and argued that it was a good way for the successful businessman to forget his worries. Some argued by default — what else could a fifty-year-old, too old for discos, do in the evening for excitement.

But while all these explanations contain a grain of truth, you can see what it's really about when you walk into a casino in a depressed town in the nineteen-eighties. There are good punters and there are mug punters and there's a long, winding social scale in between. The mug punters try to climb this social ladder with their 25p chips and their studied nonchalance. The good punters, without really trying, get respect and deference from the staff. The mug punters don't, and respect is a valuable commodity. Money may not be able to buy you love, but it may buy you something just as valuable. The good punters (by definition) have money to burn, and up in Sheffield in the nineteen-eighties, that really is something.

Joe Potts describes how to avoid an over-priced funeral parlour job by doing it yourself.

To hel with the undertaker

WE have all seen them, the pallbearers, debouching from their hearse, pausing to wipe a smile off their faces and drop a soggy cigarillo into the gutter before solemnly entering the house of affliction and re-emerging with a coffin. Casual workers, pallbearers. And pallbearing is not a task for the weedy if you're only four to the coffin. A coffin with only a medium sized person inside is no small weight, as I can testify at first hand.

Given the exorbitant fees of undertakers, one would expect England to be littered with unburied bodies kept in the spare room in plastic bags. This is not the case because there is a legal obligation on the part of the authorities to see that even a casual visitor who should die within the parish is suitably interred — at public expense if necessary. But is there some middle ground between a pauper's funeral at the council's expense over which one has no control at all, and a funeral parlour job which is likely to have one in mourning for the loss to one's slim purse in addition to the body blow of bereavement?

Yes, there is, and this is how it happened.

The fatal telephone call came from the hospital. And that's it. The end. Only it's not quite the end. In a state of shock and grief, one is involved in a strange postscript.

Visiting the hospital and encountering a fresh set of hurdles — for example, the registrar, who has to be presented with the death certificate — it is quite likely that the patient, now the body, has already been removed to the undertakers. So one leaves the world of care and hope and enters the grim confines of the funeral parlour.

Funeral parlours tend to resemble the inside of a veneered coffin; it is all too easy to imagine a lid closing over a coffin unwarily perching in a niche and the blazing eyes of an undertaker offering special rates. It's not a job I would care to have, for death seems peculiarly infectious, and your average undertaker has a strange look about the eyes.

It was in such a situation that Julia, who had just lost a much loved mother, began to show her mettle. Dispensing with any niceties, she demanded to know the cost, penetrating the shame barrier which the trade relies upon like an armour piercing shell. "When we got into the undertakers I was in a horrible state of shock anyway. I asked him what it was going to cost for the funeral, not really thinking, and he said £500. I felt so awful. The thought of all that money spent on something which is just going into the ground anyway. It's such a waste. You have to have a coffin, that's all right. But think of a lovely polished bit of wood with ornaments on it going into the ground to rot. If you have to have a coffin, you want the simplest and least expensive."

With extraordinary single-mindedness, Julia set about arranging the funeral herself. "It really helped me a lot, having something to do, but I always thought that someone was going to stop me somehow. I just couldn't believe they would let me do it."

The vicar, a helpful man with an understanding of the state of helpless rage induced by grief, said — and it seemed amazing — that there was nothing legal or ecclesiastical to stop one doing it oneself. He didn't blink when Julia waived any conventional form of service. (Incidentally, if you so wished you can have a church service for a modest sum). There was just one caveat — namely that carrying a coffin was a dangerous business and lowering it tricky. Professionals had been known to get the thing jammed and been forced to perform a tango on the lid. Graves had been known to fill with water overnight and coffins to float. . . .

A crucial moment this. The funeral might never have got off — or rather into — the ground had it not been for the presence of a family friend (henceforth known as the lynchpin) who announced with melancholy conviction that there wasn't really that much to carrying or lowering coffins. Inspired by these confident words, Julia proceeded with her arrangements.

A van was needed, preferably a discreet van without huge lettering on the side — a puzzling request for van hire firms. The churchwarden had to be notified; he demurred at the absence of a church service — "God brought you into the world and God ought to take you out of it" — but was kind and helpful and played an important role in opening the church door on the north side so that we could carry the coffin through the church instead of stumbling around the churchyard. The gravedigger had to be contacted. At every stage Julia expected a hitch. "I thought the gravedigger would only work for the undertaker, or the police would arrest you for carrying coffins in vans or something, but nothing happened."

The big problem for DIY funerals is the four (or in the case of a heavy body, six) pallbearers. So far there was me and the lynchpin. A country-man who had been our neighbour and would chance his hand at anything volunteered, and we only needed a fourth. He was another family friend who was to play the viola with great effect at the funeral.

After a lengthy conversation with Julia concerning the DIY nature of the affair, he innocently asked, "And who's going to carry this coffin anyway?" "You are." He resembled a man discovering the candid camera aimed at him for a moment. "Oh no, I'm not," he protested. But on being assured that we knew what we were doing and that the gravedigger would supervise, he agreed.

Other problems loomed ominously at the time. Did the coffin need handles? One school of thought claimed that the webbing used to lower the coffin could only be steadied by being slotted through handles, and that handles were essential even for carrying coffins. We eventually decided against handles. Then there was the coffin itself. Julia asked the undertaker for the least expensive one and was told that that would be a "substandard" model costing £60 — which she ordered.

Then there was the question of what people would think. "I thought they might think it terribly mean to try and do it on my own, though there was no reason why the undertaker should have my money." In fact, this new shame barrier didn't exist at all. "Friends used to carry the coffin in the old days," remarked a neighbour, and we realised with relief that we were harking back to tradition rather than forging a bizarre trail into the future.

The day came. This was it. That substandard coffin: was it made out of chipboard and would the body drop out? I collected a huge blue van ("I didn't know they had blue hearses these days," a woman from the village remarked later) and drove the ungainly beast back to the house where a little reception was being prepared. For the first time I glanced down at the yellow licence plate. By some million-to-one chance the licence plate read HEL.

Off in the helbus with the pallbearing team to the undertakers who — thoroughly unnerved — wanted to be paid for their coffin on the spot. Coffin on a trolley. Wheeled out. I lifted the corner of the coffin. It was a lot heavier than I'd thought possible and I had a moment of grim doubt. It was really backbreakingly heavy.

We were soon backing up against the cobbled gusset facing the church gates. Enter the reassuring figure of the gravedigger. Now there's a man who really earns his £35. Digging that neat coffin-shaped hole six foot down in a morning is a real feat of skill and muscle. This excellent man told us to walk slowly and regularly and that the two pairs of bearers, arms linked, were to be as far apart as possible to spread the load. The coffin rose effortlessly with our combined efforts and proved a bearable burden as we set off through the church.

"I think it was one of the most moving sights I've seen in my life," said Julia, "when I saw the coffin appearing. I just hoped that when I was mummy's age I'd have four handsome men to carry my coffin."

Lowering the coffin proved surprisingly simple. Two planks with lengths of webbing over them are placed over the grave and the coffin aligned on top. The four bearers take the strain on the webbing — no weight at all — the planks are removed, and you lower the coffin evenly in the grave. The lynchpin, after getting his breath back and a dodgy start (lost glasses and speeches), read a moving address involving local knowledge, Kahil Gibran, and the Bible, and gave us a bunch of freshly picked primroses to smell before Julia threw them into the grave. "Amen," said the churchwarden.

We drove off to a little chapel and had a private service: poems and a minute's silence and finally the viola playing haunting strains of a Bach saraband, and then we drove back home for a little reception. All in all, in the midst of a grim and nightmarish time, it was a good day. Our minimum costs were £125.

A last word from Julia. "I'll never forget the sight of friends carrying the coffin. I wouldn't have wanted strangers to carry it. And it was nice to have some money to give to the hospital, something real, instead of into greedy people's pockets."

While President Reagan is sorely embarrassed over how many Hollywood tears he should shed tomorrow over the graves of those SS men in Bitburg, Erlend Clouston has had his own little difficulty over the French professor who doesn't believe in the Nazi gas chambers. The distinctions between propaganda and actuality, between myth and history, blur round the edges. After all, aren't we about to celebrate the anniversary of victory over the wickedest enemy the world has ever known? And don't we now number that enemy among our staunchest allies?

Hanging out the washing

NOW this was almost worth fighting the second world war for. "German Secret Weapons Portfolio. Large beautiful illustrations of Secret Weapons suitable for framing. These drawings, based on secret German blueprints, are strikingly reproduced on high quality art paper — a tremendous gift for the men of the house, whatever their age!"

Well, let's see. I would like lots of these. I would like the Sturmtiger 38cm Assault Mortar, the X-4 Homing rocket, the Thor Extra-heavy Siege Howitzer, the Dummy U-Boat, the Electric U-Boat. I am also curious to see the Curved Barrel Rifle, the Circular Winged Coleopter, and, why not? the Flying Saucer. What did you do in the war, Vater? I was developing the Curved Barrel Rifle, son; and shot myself in the foot.

Reconciliation is a wonderful thing. Reconciliation is the main reason I am at present studying the mail order catalogue of Samisdat Publishers, PO Box 11132, Buffalo, New York. Samisdat Publishers sort of present things from the other side's point of view: "Video cassette movies in your own home. Thrill to the destruction of another decade's old lie" (The Anne Frank Diary Hoax). ". . . marvel at the magnificent architecture of Berlin and the longest military parade in German history" (Nazi Cinema). They do not seem to have any film of the Flying Saucer, but perhaps it was going too fast.

It is my friend Robert Faurisson who has been encouraging me to be reconciled. "Why," I asked Robert Faurisson, "should I be reconciled to a nation whose secondary education system had failed to make it 100 per cent clear that uniform fetish is one thing, gassing people another?"

"But that is where you are wrong," cried Robert Faurisson, springing from the bed. "The Nazis were bad, but they did not have a planned extermination programme." Robert was springing from the bed because there were no chairs in the room. There were no chairs in the room for reasons not unconnected with the above statement. The French courts had imposed a whacking great fine on him because in the process of developing his thesis, he had libelled another historian who did believe in the gas chambers. As the University of Lyon-2 had temporarily fired him from his job as Associate Professor of French Literature, he could not pay the fine. So he had hidden the chairs to prevent them being repossessed by the bailiff.

Robert Faurisson has distinct views. He will sell you a video tape outlining The Myth of the Gas Chambers. He laughs long and hard if you bring up Anne Frank's Diary. That old joke! He has just come back from Canada where he was a star defence witness in the trial of someone accused of spreading Nazi propaganda. S'easy, says Robert Faurisson. The Nazis did not have a planned extermination programme. Therefore there is nothing wrong in distributing Nazi propaganda.

Robert Faurisson is selling the Secret Weapon of all time: Whitewashed Nazis with Added Integrity. Well, let us give it a whirl.



RICHARD III has been (sort of) exonerated.

I have not personally inspected the sites of the gas chambers or bomb shelters (R.F.).

Rudolph Hoess, first commandant of Auschwitz, was kind to animals. When his mother-in-law's canary died, he "tenderly put the birdie in a small box, covered it with a rose, and buried it under a rose bush in the garden". (Character witness at war crimes tribunal.)

Hitler's cook was Jewish (Fraulein Kunde).

Rudolf Hoess writes in his autobiography (Commandant of Auschwitz, Pan, p.186): "What would have happened to a group captain who refused to lead an air attack on a town which he knew for certain contained no arms factory, and no military installation? An attack in which he knew for certain that his bombs must kill principally women and children? I am a soldier and an officer, just as was that group captain." But this witness is clearly a volunteer for the Curved Barrel Rifle Brigade, so I will ask him to stand down. Besides, Robert Faurisson believes the autobiography is phoney, the brainchild of Hoess's Polish (Communist) interrogators.

Copernicus had a bad time promoting his unorthodox views.

A man called Ditlib Felderer has produced some very complicated mathematics relating to the alleged size of the alleged piles of clothes of the alleged victims left outside the alleged gas chambers of the alleged death camp at Treblinka.

Personally I do not quite understand the alleged mathematics. But you will get the gist of the alleged argument from one of Mr Felderer's asides: "It is a wonder that the (Exterminationists have) . . . not come up with the suggestion the slope was used for skiing down by the Germans, or to push victims to their death, thus sparing them the gassing procedures." (Journal of Historical Review, Vol. 1, No. 1).

Then there are the plots. There are three plot theories. The first theory says the Holocaust was a good idea dreamed up by the Bolsheviks to camouflage the problems of the bankrupt Bolshevik state. The second says it was a good idea dreamed up by the Jews to blackmail Germany into solving the problems of the bankrupt Jewish state. The third says that the Holocaust was the answer to the problems of the Polish / American hotel industry. Ditlib Felderer says: "Concentration camp tourism is now a valuable source of foreign exchange for Poland. There is now a Holiday Inn at Auschwitz . . . Actually it is in Kracow, 40 miles away. (Personally I find these theories slightly less watertight than a Dummy U-Boat, but then I am not a naval architect.)



WELL, what do we make of that? I myself personally did not like to make up my mind before going down to London town to see Mr Gerald Fleming. Mr Gerald Fleming has just spent five years researching and writing a book called Hitler and the Final Solution. This book claims that Herr Hitler had little else in mind after he had seen a production of Wagner's The Rienzi than the destruction of European Jewry. And, knock me down with a Siege Howitzer, Robert Faurisson had read the book too.

Ask him these questions, he said.

And I did. And these are Mr Gerald Fleming's replies.

Q. Why is there not one autopsy report showing that the body of such and such a person is actually the body of someone who has been killed by poison gas?

A. Because there were no bodies left for the Allies to perform autopsies on. The gassings stopped in late 1944.

Q. If the Jews were to be exterminated, why were two German officers condemned to death in Budapest in 1942 for murdering a Jewess?

A. That is a non-question. It could well be that if individuals committed a murder that was not within the secret liquidation process, they would have been court martialled.

Q. If the Nazis were such fine planners, why has no one found a budget for this extermination programme?

A. There is a budget for the administration of concentration camps. There is no budget specifically marked "For The Extermination of People." That would have been daft.

Q. What about document PS 4025 or PS 4055? This is a collection of official papers. No. 4 was a note stating that Hitler intended to postpone the solution to the Jewish problem till the end of the war. I have a copy of it. It is dated March, 1942.

A. Hitler is not referring to the extermination of the Jews. Hitler was referring to people of mixed marriages. Hitler insisted on keeping an eye on who should and should not be admitted to the German army, and therefore capable of claiming that he was a German. We have more documents saying that if these people submitted to sterilisation, the officials could treat them more leniently.

Q. Have you seen an order signed by Hitler ordering the extermination of the Jews?

A. No.



WELL, what do we make of that? I myself personally find Hitler and the Final Solution a shocker. It seems to be that Samisdat Publishers of Buffalo have maybe overlooked the biggest Secret of all, but who can blame them? Ex-general Franz Halder told his historian daughter-in-law that Herr Hitler had told him: "You will never learn what is going on inside my head. As for those who boast of being privy to my thoughts — to them I lie all the time."

I will not go into all the evidence presented by Mr Gerald Fleming. It would take too long and, besides, Mr Fleming deserves all the royalties he can get. But he seems to make an awfully good case for saying that Hitler, for all his love of opera, was a very unpleasant twister with a terrific sense of his own importance.

This sort of puts me in a tricky position vis a vis Samisdat publishers. Maybe I will tear up my cheque. Anyway, who needs a poster of a Homing Rocket? Perhaps I could settle for a poster of the Royal Family.

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Shareholders seek the faults that led to Midland's Crocker earthquake



SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

AT THE 1980 meeting to approve the purchase of Crocker, the California bank, "there was a great deal of discussion, not about the proposition but about the fact that Crocker headquarters lay on the San Andreas fault." Sir Donald Barron, Midland's chairman since 1982, told a packed shareholders' meeting yesterday morning. "Perhaps that was symbolic," he conceded to much laughter, towards the end of an apologia for Midland's American adventuring.

To shareholders, Crocker must have looked like an earthquake zone for all of the last couple of years, since the disclosure of the first of a series of huge property, agricultural lending and energy losses.

Thankfully, the headquarters did not disappear down the fault as some shareholders had feared, because it was the sale of the building last year which provided the great bulk of Midland's 1984 profit and saved it from cutting or passing its dividend.

The physical security of the headquarters, at least, was not a surprise to Midland Bank's board. At the 1980 meeting the then chairman, Sir David Barran, former head of Shell and therefore something of an oil geologist, stunned his colleagues by giving an expert five minute lecture to shareholders about the risks and probabilities of a new Californian earthquake, and the physics of the fault zone. They had expected him to stick to his banking brief.

Today's shareholders had quite different preoccupations: who, they wanted to know, had been responsible for getting the bank into California; were they still employed or on the board, and if so, why; and what were the chances of more losses emerging from the disaster zone? Were customers and staff in Britain ultimately paying for the losses, and what was the point of asking shareholders to approve a move to 100 per cent control of Crocker (from 57 per cent) later this month?

Mr John Ronald Coleman — "50 years a customer" — summed up for the small shareholders, who were the usual annual meeting mixture of elderly oddballs, zealots with personal missions and interested participants. (There is rarely a whisper in public from representatives of the institutions which own most of the shares of any large public company.)

Mr Coleman asked: "Who was responsible and what has happened to these gentlemen since then? It was a most disastrous decision, that should never have been taken." Another of the 300 shareholders, Mr Leslie Bishop, said: "There appears to have been a rapid deterioration in Crocker's financial position since the beginning of 1980, with serious losses due to gross overlending over too narrow a field."

Sir Donald has indeed had several years to ponder what went wrong. The first warnings of the earthquake to come, the mice scurrying from the fields and the birds which went silent, were detected quite soon after Midland took control of Crocker, when promised profits began to look very thin.

So his answers were rather well rehearsed. He wrongly but perhaps deliberately assumed for much of the time that shareholders wanted to know who in Crocker rather than in Midland was responsible for the fiasco. The main responsibility rested with the people who had operational control of loans and for the setting up of credit procedures, he said. "None of the Crocker people involved at that time are now in the service of the bank," added Sir Donald, referring to the frequent departures last year of Crocker's top US executives. It is certainly true that many of Crocker's worst loans were made in a burst of expansion after the takeover, made possible by the influx of new Midland capital.

But the heads shareholders clearly wanted on silver platters were those of the London-based directors and executives who took the decision to buy Crocker, and worse still, abdicated any responsibility for managing it. Sir Donald, though usually admirably frank, is clearly in a fix. After all, with the exception of a number of such senior people as Sir Malcolm Wilcox, who was then one of the two key Midland executives, and Sir David Barran, who has retired, many of the people operationally involved in the decisions at various levels still remain at the top of the bank. He himself was a non-executive director at the time, while chairman of Rowntree Mackintosh.

So the thrust of the Midland board defence now is that yes, there were mistakes, but they are identifiable mainly with hindsight. Top banking stockbroker Mr Rodney Maryan Green said in a robust defence of the board from the floor: "I was not aware of a single word of criticism that was voiced at the time of the purchase."

Although some observers were detecting disquiet among brighter managers very early on, it was certainly difficult to pin down.

Sir Donald's explanation to shareholders was that the board approved the general principle of following the other three big banks by diversifying into the USA.

A board sub-committee reviewed the extensive research done, the choice was narrowed to Crocker, the advice of two investment banks and the reports of US regulatory authorities were used to help come to a conclusion. "A recommendation was made to the board which satisfied itself that advice had been taken and the correct procedures followed."

But Midland took responsibility for Crocker without power, as Sir Donald put it. A decision was also reached by the board to accept Crocker's demands for "maximum operational autonomy" for the local management. The evidence was that the deal would not go through without that condition, said Sir Donald; who was chairman of Cadbury Schweppes at the time, though also a Midland board member.

Crocker had had an excellent previous five years. He said it was generally acknowledged that it was a well-managed bank, as US regulatory reports showed, and the background to it all was a very strong California economy at that time.

Shareholders, stockbrokers and the media were urging Midland to follow the other banks into the USA, Sir Donald claimed. It was all beginning to sound like one of those "we are all guilty" programmes about social evils, and shareholders were clearly itching to switch channels.

The truth must be that, hindsight or not, Midland did make a serious error of judgment, going against the banking wisdom of the time, in buying Crocker without taking management control. Shareholders have yet to learn officially where the buck stops, other than in their portfolio values.

Will it ever end? Sir Donald was asked by someone who feared another $500 million of losses. Sir Donald cautiously refused to promise that Crocker would not have more bad debt provisions. "The operational autonomy has been removed. We now have a completely new situation, a situation which we are going to restore," said Sir Donald. (For my grandchildren, muttered a disgruntled shareholder. Another said bring in Tiny Rowland to sort it out.)

Midland has been pulling itself up by its bootstraps outside the USA, and performing creditably in Britain, so much so that the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union spokesman, Mr Hedley Woods, complained that overworked staff believed that they were "carrying the burden of Crocker." Luckily, business has been good for all the main banks in the UK, and Midland has been pruning costs effectively, so UK customers are rapidly helping pay off the Crocker debts.

The risks from further California losses are buffered by a big general provision against unspecific future loan problems, part of Crocker's £222 million pre-tax losses last year. But analysts see the greatest threat to Crocker as a possible further deterioration of the Latin American debt problems. The group has not been able to afford to provide generously from its profits against a second-wave Latin American debt crisis, because of the high cost of paying for the depression in California — all those bust vineyards, farms and property companies.

Cross fingers, and Midland will earn enough over the next couple of years to insulate itself as well as some other banks from future international debt problems. What Midland cannot easily afford to do is fight earthquakes on two fronts at once: California and Latin America.

Peter Rodgers

Management-led consortium bids £55 million for air-conditioning group

Trafalgar queries Haden buyout proposal

By Andrew Cornelius

A 25-strong management team, backed by a group of leading City institutions, yesterday launched a £55.8 million takeover bid for Haden, the hit and air conditioning group, to top a rival offer from Trafalgar House by £18 million.

The proposed American-style leveraged buyout of the business is the brainchild of Schroders, the merchant bank advisers to Haden. It is the first time a buyout has been arranged in the UK to defend a contested takeover bid and is expected to set a new trend in the City. The tactic is commonly used in the United States, where more than half of all takeovers are effectively management buyouts.

Mr Eric Parker, Trafalgar's chief executive, indicated that Haden was looking "rather expensive" at the 360p per share offered by the buyout consortium, when compared to Trafalgar's 240p per share offer. But last night Trafalgar was keeping its options open until it receives clarification from the City Takeover Panel on the role of Schroders in acting as advisers to Haden and also helping to arrange the buyout.

Earlier in the day Schroders insisted that it had been given Panel approval for the buyout scheme. Schroders said that it would not participate in the buyout because of its role as advisers to Haden, but that it had used its expertise to help put together a consortium of investors willing to back the Haden management. Mr Nick MacAndrew at Schroders said that these services had been provided "free" after discussing the deal with the Panel.

The consortium of investors is led by Electra House and Globe Investment and has appointed Charterhouse Japhet to act as its advisers in mounting the rival bid for Haden.

If the bid succeeds the existing Haden management, including Mr Peter Simonis, the current chairman, and MrPhilip Ling, the managing director, will take a 15 per cent share stake in the company, for an initial investment of £150,000. The 25 managers involved can double their share stake to 30 per cent of the Haden equity if they are able to pay back £20 million of ordinary and preference share capital by 1988.

Mr Michael Stoddart, chief executive of Electra House, said that the ultimate aim would be to return Haden to the stock market.

Haden is forecasting that pre-tax profits will reach £11 million this year, against the £3.6 million achieved in 1984. The prospects for the business beyond 1985 are "promising" the company said yesterday.

Electra House and Globe have backed 40 management buyouts in the UK and US since the late 1970s and together have more than £600 million available for further investment.



Eric Parker

Black week turns bright

By Andrew Cornelius

A BLACK week for Trafalgar House, the shipping and construction group, ended with news yesterday of construction orders worth £300 million and a 25 per cent rise in half year pre-tax profits to £57.4 million.

The good news followed a series of blows for Trafalgar's chairman, Sir Nigel Broackes. The week began with the announcement that a Japanese consortium had beaten Trafalgar in the battle for a £450 million contract to build a second Bosphorous bridge in Turkey. Then came the announcement of 600 redundancies at Scott Lithgow, Trafalgar's rig building yard on Clydeside, and a rival takeover offer for Haden the engineering group where Trafalgar is bidding £37 million for control.

Mr Eric Parker, Trafalgar's chief executive, said that the group was still looking for takeover opportunities in construction and construction related activities, oil and gas, and the luxury leisure market, including the possibility of hotel management deals. He said that Trafalgar's share stakes in Davy Corporation, the engineering contracting company, and Higgs and Hill, the building group, were merely trade investments.

Trafalgar is confident that prospects for the full year remain "encouraging" despite the volatile conditions in many of its markets.

The growth in profits and in turnover (which was up by £243 million to £944 million compared with the first half of 1984) largely reflects the contributions from Trafalgar's new acquisitions during the past year. More than £150 million has been invested in takeovers which included Comben, the housebuilding group, Scott Lithgow and RGC Offshore.

The cost of the takeover spending spree, coupled with the planned £200 million investment in existing businesses this year, took their toll on the balance sheet, where interest charges rose by £10 million to £14 million compared with th same period last year.

Although the UK construction and engineering market remains fiercely competitive Trafalgar has been more successful overseas. The £300 million construction order book includes a £60 million housing contract in Hong Kong, an £18 million contract to build a cement plant in China, and a slice of the £100 million Singapore Mass Transit railway.

Second bank comes up with floating bonds

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

Standard Chartered Bank took 48 hours to decide to follow Lloyds Bank's innovation on Wednesday, with the launch yesterday of $400 million of a new type of bond issue which will count as part of the bank's ultimate defences against future disasters.

Lloyds' $600 million issue was raised yesterday to $750 million because of market demand.

Midland Bank's chairman, Sir Donald Barron, confirmed at the annual meeting in London that his bank was also planning a similar issue of "perpetual floating rate notes," although he gave no timing or size.

May is not ruled out by Midland's finance chief, Mr Michael Julien. He was the first banker to say publicly that Bank of England rules published last autumn for the new type of bonds were workable. Many bankers had said that the Bank of England requirements were impossible to meet.

Midland has contemplated an issue of up to $300 million but in the light of the response to the other two issues it could be higher. Other banks may follow.

The new bonds are "primary capital" which means that they have some of the characteristics of shares. They are irredeemable and have almost the last call on the assets of a bank in a liquidation. They are available to pay off the bank's losses when all other sources of capital have been wiped out and bonds redeemed.

The chance of Standard, Lloyds or Midland going bust are remote. They are also among the banks regarded in the markets as certain to be propped up by the Bank of England if they hit the rocks. But the distinction between equity capital and bond issues has been an obstacle to the continued build-up of capital to back the banks' lending, to bolster them against foreign debt problems. Standard Chartered will now have £5.90 capital for every £100 lent.

Rights issue of shares are expensive, while the Bank of England sets strict limits to the proportion of bond capital against equity which is allowed to count as any bank's primary capital.

The new hybrids are bonds. But in the event of a liquidation the holders are contracted to accept the same treatment as preference shareholders. Lloyds' innovation was to devise this contract. It gets round the obstacle that conversion of bonds to shares in a collapse would strictly be illegal, because the issue of shares by an insolvent company is against the law.

The $400 million (£330 million) Standard Chartered issue was raised from $300 million because of market demand, and was led by an international syndicate organised by Credit Suisse First Boston and by Standard Chartered Merchant Bank. It pays an eighth of a per cent above six-month Libor, the benchmark dollar interest rate, although the margin is reduced if very short rates rise above the six-month rate.

Standard Chartered's chief financial officer, Mr Stuare Tarrant, said that "we give Lloyds a bouquet" for its innovation, although his bank had been developing its own way to beat the technical obstacles to meeting Bank of England guidelines.

Japan gets ship order

By our Financial Staff

North Sea Ferries, which is half-owned by the P&O shipping and construction group, has placed a £40 million order for a new luxury cruise liner with a Japanese shipyard. The decision to place the order for the 31,000 tonne liner with Nippon Kokan, in Japan, will come as a major blow to the European shipyards which had been pitching for the lucrative contract.

The new liner will be a sister ship to the 31,000 vessel in February ordered by North Sea Ferries from Govan Shipbuilders on Clydeside. The two new ships will complete the planned £80 million of the North Sea Ferries fleet by P&O and its Dutch partner in North Sea Ferries, Nedlloyd.

The two new ships will come into service on the service from Hull to Rotterdam in 1988. They will carry 1,250 passengers and have room for 600 freight trailers, or 850 cars. North Sea Ferries said yesterday that the vessels will be the largest and best appointed ships operating between the UK and the Continent.

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, P&O's chairman, has reorganised the group's ferry operations since taking control of the company last year. P&O sold its loss-making Anglo-French business to European Ferries, for £12.5 million, and decided to concentrate its energies on the North Sea Ferries business which is profitable.

British Telecom spurns ICL for IBM

By Peter Large, Technology Correspondent

British Telecom now probably the most potent single influence outside central government on the future of information technology in Britain, has gone about £100 million deeper into buying foreign.

IBM seems set to get the bulk of orders for computers to run BT's 80 new customer service centres. The new top-power computers just announced by the British company ICL get only six of the 30 orders.

BT is reorganising its 61 local phone areas into 30 districts, and a year ago today it announced that each of these amalgamations would have autonomy in customer service, with billings, orders, and inquiry responses being based for the first time on computer databanks of customer information.

BT also decided last year to give 18 of these computer contracts to IBM or to IBM-compatible companies (that is, manufacturers who have decided it is an IBM world and therefore make computers that work in the same way as IBM machines and can operate alongside them or replace them).

ICL was to get seven contracts and the remaining five were to be decided later between ICL, IBM, and IBM-compatibles. Now BT has decided to cut ICL back to six — and has also dismissed ICL from consideration for the final five.

BT agreed yesterday that some contracts had already been placed with IBM, but would not say how many. It said decisions had yet to be taken on final choices between IBM and IBM-compatibles.

BT added that, within its new multiple supplier policy, it made decisions on the bases of price, performance, and delivery times. But it would not specify which factor had been dominant this time.

However, BT is understood to have told union representatives that ICL has been rejected because its new computers — the products of a microchip collaboration deal with the Japanese company Fujitsu — were not ready in time.

In fact, ICL has produced its new top-range model — called Level 80 — slightly ahead of the schedule promised when it concluded its Fujitsu deal in 1981. But ICL acknowledged yesterday that the dual version of Level 80, which BT wants, would not be generally available until next year.

Mr Les Baker, assistant secretary of the Society of Telecommunications Executives, which represents BT's computer professionals, said last night that the union was worried that while BT was going the IBM way, it had yet to determine a strategy on retraining computer staff for IBM machines.

The bulk of BT's computer programmers, he said, were used to ICL applications. The number skilled in IBM methods was "somewhat limited." BT responded that staff would be retrained "as and when necessary."

IBM supplies about two-thirds of the world's computers by value. Until the slump, Britain was the one industrialised nation in which IBM was not the dominant computer influence. Now IBM has pushed ICL out of its top UK position.

IBM's most highly-rated plug-compatible competitor is the fellow American company Amdhal. The only European influence in big plug-compatible computers is Olivetti, via a Japanese deal.

Northern Foods sells brewery

By our Financial Staff

Northern Foods, suppliers to MacDonalds and Marks and Spencer, is selling its North Country Brewery business for £42 million cash to the Mansfield brewery group.

Northern would have been forced eventually to close down NCB which is an old and inefficient brewery, due to a decline in sales and profits. But Mansfield says it has the capacity to supply NCB's outlets with a full range of quality beers, including cask conditioned beer, and to expand and develop NCB's activities.

In the 18 months to March 1983 NCB earned operating profit before interest of £3.2 million on turnover of £33 million. Profits before interest for the last year are estimated to be not less than £1.8 million of turnover of at least £22 million.

The payment is split between £30 million for share capital and £12 million to cover debts. The total is £8 million more than net tangible assets.

Net assets in NCB were £32.9 million last year before stripping out £7.3 million owed to Northern.

Northern which is chaired by Mr Nicholas Horsley, will be using the cash to help pay for its recent £51 million acquisition of the northern business of Express Dairies.



Nicholas Horsley

Gilt-edged possibles

By Margareta Pagano, City Correspondent

About 30 financial groups are understood to have applied to the Bank of England to become market-makers in the gilts markets which is to be radically reformed next year.

A wide range of estimates has been made of the potential number of applications, but between 25 and 35 groups have expressed serious interest and will have submitted formal applications by yesterday's deadline.

Over the next few weeks the Bank will be interviewing the potential market-makers to establish whether they can conform to the strict criteria laid down for carrying out business in the new market.

The Bank will then publish the number of successful applicants who will be given two weeks in which they can consolidate their entry, or withdraw.

It may be that several applicants will consider there are too many market-makers chasing too litte business

Renewed confidence lifts dollar

By Margareta Pagano

Renewed confidence in the US economy pushed the dollar higher against all other main currencies yesterday in quiet trading on foreign exchange markets.

Fresh demand for the dollar was sparked by the belief that the recent weak US economic indicators will not be repeated in the second quarter and that interest rates will remain high.

The dollar made sharp gains against the German DM opening 2¼ pfennigs to 3.1820, rising to 3.1980 by midday. It broke through one of the market's recognised psychological barriers, 3.20, to close at 3.2200. Many dealers are now convinced that it is heading for the 3.30 level.

The pound suffered along with most other currencies to drop to $1.2030 despite being supported by slightly higher spot oil prices. It recovered some ground but still closed down 1.32 cents at $1.2080. After moving between 77.5 and 77.8 the sterling effective index slipped 0.1 at 77.6. Against the DM the pound made small gains at 3.8831.

Libya's million franc note blocked

From Iain Guest in Geneva

In a case which has provoked controversy here, the Swiss supreme court has confirmed a court order blocking a one million franc World Bank note belonging to the Libyan central bank.

The decision follows a dispute between a Geneva firm and the Libyan commune of Derna. The name of the Geneva firm has been withheld by the court.

In 1980 the Geneva firm contracted to deliver 2.5 million Swiss francs worth of milk-processing equipment to Derna. The machinery was installed but, according to the company, the Libyans failed to pay 460,000 francs due under the contract.

In February 1984 the firm's lawyers won a court order blocking the one million franc note, which is part of Libya's assets in Switzerland, until the dispute was settled. This was upheld on April 24, 1985 by the Swiss supreme court in Lausanne, even though the amount siezed is more than double the disputed sum of 460,000 francs.

The supreme court decision was condemned yesterday by Mr Anton Keller, a director of the Swiss Investors' Protection Association, based in Basle. Mr Keller said that the decision could be a violation of the Vienna Convention of 1963 which gives diplomatic immunity to organisations like the World Bank.

Mr Keller also said that the blocking order was based on an archaic Swiss law of 1889 which penalises foreigners living outside the country. He warned that the arbitrary nature of the order could make potential investors more wary of investing in Switzerland, and lead to reprisals against Switzerland by Libya.

Under a new Swiss policy, instituted in January last year, anything issued in Swiss francs must be deposited in Swiss banks. This was done to enable the Swiss government to exercise greater control over currency fluctuations, and ease any shocks on the Swiss economy.

A spokesman for the World Bank in Paris described the case as "extremely complex." He said that while World Bank deposits enjoy diplomatic immunity, this was not the case with bonds which are sold by the bank.

World Bank bonds carry interest and are valid for between 18 months and eight years. Under the Swiss court order, the Libyan government will forfeit both the interest due on the note — roughly 5.5 per cent a year — and also the million francs when the note reaches maturity, if the case is not settled by that date.

At present the World Bank's total outstanding debt is roughly $45 billion, of which approximately 17 per cent is in Swiss francs.

Woolworth payout

By Margareta Pagano

COMPENSATION for loss of office of £90,000 has been paid to former Woolworth director, Mr Paul Guy, who left the group in February after just six months.

Mr Guy, who joined the group as finance director after Woolworth's takeover of Comet, is understood to have left for personal reasons. Woolworth was unable to give any more detail

The annual report, published yesterday, also showed that share options outstanding include 1.9 million shares to the Charterhouse Japhet merchant bank which masterminded the consortium bid for Woolworth three years ago.

Woolworth's chairman, Mr John Beckett, said that this year should see the start to the realisation of the potential in F. W. Woolworth, the stores group, which is still trading at a loss after charging rents.

NEWS IN BRIEF

COLOROLL'S paper was sold on 20 times over. The reprimed prospectus from the wallpaper industry's market leader attracted 64,000 applications for over 278.3 million shares at 135p. Only 13.5 million were on offer. Applications for between 100 and 1,500 shares will go to a weighted ballot for 100 shares; 1,500 to 5,000 shares—a ballot for 200 shares; 5,500 to 10,000 shares—a ballot for 500 shares and applicants for 11,000 shares or more will get 5 per cent. Employees will get all the shares they wanted. Dealings in the stock market will start on Thursday.

WHILE most new biotechnology companies are still operating at a loss, Genentech of San Francisco, the first and most successful genetic engineering firm, announced a first quarter pre-tax profit of $15.1m—a 106 per cent improvement on earnings a year ago. Genentech leads the way in development of mass produced human growth hormone from genetically engineered microbes and may be first to the market with Factor VIII for haemophilia, gamma interferon, which fights agents of the body's immune system active against viruses and cancer.

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COMPANY BRIEFING

Bristol Oil in loss of £2.4m



Paul Bristol

Profits have evaporated at Bristol Oil & Minerals, according to unaudited accounts issued by the company yesterday. Half-year profits of £1.37 million have been replaced by a full year loss of £2.4 million, the chairman and chief executive, Mr Paul Bristol, revealed yesterday.

He promised final accounts for 1984 as soon as four separate issues can be resolved with the company's auditors.

Mr Bristol's company, formerly known as KCA International, ran into "a severe working capital shortage" last month as it attempted to complete the disposal of certain assets "to concentrate its efforts on its major exploration and production interests."

Operations up for sale include the barite trading business in China, the group's insurance broking and financial services subsidiary, and Bristol's exploration interests in the Dutch North Sea, in Osprey Petroleum and part of its interest in Bengal Oil and Gas.

Bristol is concentrating its efforts in Indonesia where it believes its oil interests may "establish significant revenues from mid-year onwards."

But Bristol's auditors remain concerned about the group's continued decision to carry forward its exploration expenditure in Dubai as an asset while decisions about more drilling are considered. Even if exploration continues the auditors are expected to qualify the accounts as they did in 1983.

The auditors are also unable at present to say whether revenues from barite trading in China will cover the cost of the investment, and they cannot agree the amount that the Huilex interests in Colombia should be stated.

Most importantly, the auditors want a cash flow forecast confirming that Bristol has adequate working capital, to meet its requirements. Bristol says that delays in completing disposals "resulted in a severe working capital shortage in April 1985." But it says repayment of loans due are now relieving the problem and it is now attempting to refinance its industrial site at Kingsnorth in Kent to enable the forecasts which the auditors require to be prepared.

The shares fell another 2p to 21p.

Air Call muted

Shares of Air Call lost 13p to 260p yesterday after news of a fall in profits from £1.3 million to £912,000 for 1984. The fall came despite a rise in turnover from £18.7 million to £30.8 million with the 1983 figures restated to reflect the merger of some subsidiaries during 1984.

Mr John Stanley, the chairman, says that the result is disappointing but points out that profits were struck after an extraordinary item of £370,000 relating to losses in Teledata and pre-launch costs for the new cellular service, and after a write off of £304,000 of goodwill, compared with £42,000 written off last year. But for these items, he says, profits would have reached £1.6 million.

For the current year cellular radio and Teledata are expected to make positive contributions and "shareholders can reasonably expect an uplift in profits."

Westgarth has hopes

Hopes that engineer and steel stockholder Richardsons Westgarth had at last turned the corner sent its shares up by a penny to 23p yesterday—the par value is 50p. Losses were cut from £3.5 million to £1.5 million in 1984 on turnover down from £57.7 million to £25.6 million. However, the board says that after making a loss of £63,000 in the first quarter of the current year, the group is expected to trade at a profit for the rest of the year.

The loss for 1984 is greater than the board had anticipated at the half-way stage, due to two unexpected matters for which £240,000 had to be provided in the second half. The first related to an under-lease at the company's former head office, and the second to an Inland Revenue PAYE audit.

Costs were £894,000, including £528,000 of non-recurring items. The group received £1.9 million from the sale of its Bracknell property in April, which has reduced the bank overdraft to £1.3 million. This compares with a borrowings peak of £6 million in March 1984.

Along with the report and accounts for the year, shareholders will receive, towards the end of this month, proposals for a capital reconstruction.

Cautious Photax

Photographic wholesaler Photax is not out of the darkroom yet. Its £40,000 first-half profits were cut to £30,000 for the whole of 1984, against losses a year ago of £22,000. The second half proved troublesome and Mrs Elsie Jacobs, who runs the group, says there is little sign as yet of an improvement in the general level of business.

The current stability of the pound is helping profit margins and the group is more streamlined than it was two or three years ago, giving some grounds for "cautious optimism."

Looking back, Mrs Jacobs says that last year's higher turnover represents little more than price increases forced upon the group by the weak pound. Profit margins improved but are still unacceptably low.

The group is looking forward to worthwhile increases in sales of its manufactured darkroom products.

THERMAL Scientific, the electric furnace, oven and heat control company, is planning to graduate up to a full stock market quotation later this summer, after a two-year stay on the nursery slopes of the USM. Chairman Mr Hugh Sykes has clear ambitions to expand the 250-strong group, made up of five smallish operations, and will possibly use the move to raise cash for further steps. The US remains a priority, as does licensing other people's technology.

In short...

HENRY BOOT has increased its profits from £2.1 million to £4.05 million in 1984. The dividend is held at 14.5p.

WILLAIRE Systems made a loss of £50,000 for the nine months to December 31 against £82,000 for the whole of the previous year. The board plans to raise £300,000 through a six-for-five rights issue at 10p.

BIDDLE Holdings has sold its freehold factory at Nuneaton to Associated Dairies for £1.45 million cash.

Edited by Tony May

Clamour for BAe assures good send-off

THE MARKETS

Stock markets ended the week in good form, with institutional investors still shopping for selective shares in the wake of the optimistic CBI survey released on Tuesday.

A favourable press reception to the British Aerospace issue had brokers clambering for prospectuses, assuring a good send-off for the shares on May 14, barring unforeseen circumstances. The ordinary price closed at 408p, up 12p, against the government offer of 375p, and gave a fillip to other companies in a similar field. Lucas, for example, rose 10p to 267p, helped by talk of an imminent broker's circular recommending the shares as a buy.

Elsewhere, interest was centred on stocks which have been left out of the recent advance. Apart from Lucas, leaders were again largely ignored at the expense of secondary issues, but British Telecom hardened 1½p to a new high of 148½p on reported Japanese interest.

Hawker was a dull spot following gloomy quarterly figures from its Canadian subsidiary. A strong counter this week, the shares gave back 12p to 435p. Oils failed to be unsettled by the government's decision to sell off its remaining stake in Britoil, which climbed 10p to 228p on BNOC's $1 price increase. Small explorers attracted speculative interest.

Takeover speculation continued apace. Haden were hoisted 27p to 358p, 2p below the consortium cash terms. Trafalgar House are considering their next move. The death of Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte sparked revived bid interest in Savoy Hotel "A," in which Dame Bridget was a substantial shareholder. Although it will not be known what will happen to the shares until the will is published, the price advanced 18p to 378p on hopes that THF will be able to increase its 70.3 per cent holding.

Composite insurances were a little nervous ahead of the quarterly season which begins next Thursday. Stores were also subdued in front of important company announcements next week, and breweries relinquished some of their recent gains. Properties were selectively bought. Banks turned mixed.

Henry Boot were an outstanding feature, rising on the profits announcement which showed figures up 80 per cent on last year, and then improving further on the issue of the chairman's statement, to close 35p better at 315p.

THREE high street giants are due to report higher 1984 profits next week. Marks and Spencer on Monday is expected to bring in between £305 million and £315 million against £282.7 million, while BHS on the same day should reveal a rise from £55.2 million to about £60 million. Debenhams, on Thursday, should report a rise of £10 million to about £42.5 million.

Main changes: British Aerospace 408p up 12p; Britoil 228p up 10p; Haden 358p up 27p; British Telecom 148½p up 1½p; Lucas 268p up 11p; Hawker 435p down 12p; Savoy A 378p up 18p; Henry Boot 315p up 35p.

Equity turnover for Thursday: Bargains, 21,822; value, £447.581 million.

● Frankfurt: Prices staged a recovery, making up some of their losses earlier in the week. The Commerzbank index managed a 9.5 point gain to 1222.6.

● Tokyo: Closed for holiday.

● Hong Kong: Stocks soared in active trading. Hang Seng Index: 1550.80 (1516.21).

● Paris: Shares closed moderately higher in hesitant trading. The general market indicator finished the session with a 0.26 per cent rise.

FT Ordinary Share Index unchanged at 989.9. FT-SE 100 Index up 1.8 at 1310.9. Pound: $1.2080; DM 3.87; Fr 11.82. Gold $312.75. Account: April 29 to May 10. FT All Share Index up 1.34 at 630.94. Sterling Index 77.6 (1975=100). RPI 366.1 (March) up 6.1 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,280 per tonne, three months £1,218 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £9,575 per tonne, three months £9,511 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £317 per tonne, three months £314.50 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £721 per tonne, three months £721 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 510.50p per troy oz, three months 526.10p.
Coffee: May £2,165 per tonne, July £2,210 per tonne, Sep £2,253 per tonne, Nov £2,282 per tonne, Jan £2,312 per tonne, Mar £2,295 per tonne.
Cocoa: May £1,800 per tonne, July £1,841 per tonne, Sep £1,829 per tonne, Dec £1,787 per tonne, Mar £1,793 per tonne, May £1,793 per tonne.

UNIT TRUSTS

	Bid	Off
Abbey Unit Trust		
American	130.1	137.4
Capital & Gen	a73.5	78.6
Capital	104.9	112.2
Gilt & Fxd	a110.1	114.5
Hi Income	a71.9	76.5
Japan	a164.7	177.1
UK Grwth	105.0	112.9
Worldwide	a147.7	157.1
Allied Hambro		
Allied Cap	a189.6	201.9
Allied 1st	165.5	176.3
Am Spec Sits	a59.3	64.0
Assets	165.7	176.5
Equity	101.5	108.1
Far East	127.2	134.8
Growth	a104.7	111.5
Gov Secs	27.6	28.8
Balanced	281.9	300.2
do Acc	423.9	451.4
High Inc	132.9	134.8
High Yld	a115.0	123.5
Income Ex	101.6	107.7
Internatl	61.7	65.7
Japan	61.6	65.5
Met Min Cmd	a83.9	94.7
Overseas	152.6	152.5
Pacific	118.1	125.8
Recovery	157.1	69.8
Secs of Am	175.8	189.8
Smaller Cos	99.6	106.1
Sec Smaller	128.4	136.7
Small Co Ex	a170.4	180.9
Technology	a82.0	87.3
Arbuthnot Securities		
Comm Sh	a92.7	83.4
East & Int	97.5	104.2
Fin & Prop	48.6	51.8
Foreign Grwth	59.3	63.4
High Inc	a56.5	60.4
H Am & Int	71.0	75.9
Pref Share	a25.6	27.3
Smaller Cos	101.5	108.5
Archway		
Archway Fd	215.6	223.4
Barclays Unicorn		
America	75.3	80.7
Australia	99.1	105.4
do Acc	135.2	144.8
Capital	166.0	176.5
Exempt	a308.4	328.0
Extra Inc	a54.5	57.9
Financial	184.4	196.1
500 Trust	194.0	206.3
General	a103.9	110.5
Gilt & Fixed	51.3	53.7
Gr Pacific	95.6	101.7
do Acc	96.5	102.6
Growth Accum	137.8	146.5
Income Trust	233.5	254.7
Prof Assns	—	—
Recovery	139.1	147.9
Trustee Fd	82.9	88.1
Worldwide	108.4	115.3
Baring Brothers		
Grth & Inc	484.7	504.8
do Acc	716.2	746.0
Bridge		
Income	a102.9	112.5
Cap Inc	a98.0	105.4
do Acc	126.1	135.6
Exempt	239.0	257.0
Britannia		
Am Growth	81.5	86.9
Am Small Cos	23.4	25.4
Am Spec Sits	69.4	74.0
Australian	a66.4	70.8
Commod	a140.2	149.5
Extra Inc	51.3	54.7
Far East	38.3	40.9
Gilt	25.7	27.0
Gold & Gen	—	—
Hong Kong Perf	24.8	26.5
Inc & Gr	a152.0	162.1
Japan	36.2	38.6
National	a147.0	156.8
Preference	17.2	18.3
Smaller Cos	114.3	121.9
Spec Mkt Sits	a74.0	78.9
Un Energy	66.0	74.0
World Tech	42.7	45.5
Brown Shipley		
Exempt	a159.0	171.0
Financial	94.7	101.3
Growth	a106.6	114.6
do Acc	163.7	176.0
High Inc	48.9	52.6
Income	a54.9	59.0
N Amer	51.1	55.0
Recovery	27.9	30.0
Unit Fd	48.0	51.6
Canada Life		
Gen Dist	90.4	95.1
do Acc	131.8	145.1
Inc Dist	a61.1	64.3
do Acc	119.4	125.7
Chieftain		
American	44.2	47.4
Australian	19.8	21.3
Basic	—	—
Far East	—	—
High Inc	41.4	44.3
Inc & Growth	39.8	42.6
Internatl	61.6	66.0
Pref & Gilt	—	—
Small Cos	—	—
County Bank UT Managers		
Capital Acc	225.9	239.3
Extra Inc	a123.1	130.9
Financial	99.2	105.5
Growth	222.2	236.3
Income	99.0	105.3
Portfolio	143.7	150.4
Smaller Cos	147.0	156.3
E.F.M. Unit Managers		
American	64.8	69.3
High Dist	a84.3	90.2
Internatl	157.4	168.4
Resources	25.1	26.8
Tokyo	100.7	107.7
Discretionary		
Income	76.2	80.5
Duncan Lawrie Fund Managers		
Growth	—	—
Income	—	—
Overseas	—	—
Equity & Law		
Eq & Law	a183.3	195.0
Far East Acc	a90.5	95.2
Gilts & Fixed	74.6	78.5
do Acc	84.8	89.3
High Inc	a141.1	150.1
do Acc	a163.3	1..
N Am Acc	a123.3	131.1
UK Growth	a102.8	109.3
do Acc	a115.0	1..
Fidelity		
American	81.2	86.9
Am Spec Sits	47.1	50.4
Managed	82.7	84..
Growth & Inc	71.7	76.3
Japan	81.6	85.9
Max Inc Eq	56.0	59.6
Spec Sits	101.5	108.0
Framlington		
Amer & Gen	184.4	196.0
do Acc	186.2	198.0
Amer Turnd	175.2	188.2
do Acc	179.2	190.6
Capital	a155.4	165.2
do Acc	182.4	194.0
Conv & Gilt	76.6	81.4
do Acc	95.6	101.6
Extra Inc	114.4	121.6
Income	86.4	91.8
Inter Growth	117.4	1..
do Acc	150.8	160.4
Japan & Gen	54.0	57.4
do Acc	—	—
Recovery	95.6	101.6
do Acc	101.2	107.6
Friends Provident		
Equity	a160.0	169.3
do Acc	260.7	275.8
Fixed In	a99.3	105.2
do Acc	108.2	115.7
G & A Trust Managers		
G & A	a89.5	94.9
Gartmore Fund Managers		
American	77.6	82.5
British	41.8	44.5
Commodity	67.6	71.3
Extra Inc	a36.2	38.6
Far East	82.5	87.7
Gilt	a25.3	26.4
Global	110.0	117.1
High Inc	101.7	108.2
Inc	49.2	52.5
Insurance	—	—
Japan	68.2	72.5
Special Sit	68.3	72.7
Gavett		
Inter'al Grth	61.7	65.9
Guardian Royal Exchange		
Gilt	112.8	117.2
Grwth Eq	158.0	168.1
Guardhill	240.1	248.8
N American	a123.4	131.3
Pacific	a133.5	142.1
Prop Share	156.4	166.4
Small Cos	a163.9	173.7
G.T. Unit Managers		
Capital	74.9	79.2
European	131.9	141.1
Far East	76.2	81.5
Income	64.2	68.7
Internatl	102.9	110.1
Japan	135.5	145.0
Pension	137.5	144.9
Tech & Grth	67.1	71.8
US & Gen	a46.8	50.1
Liq Reserve	100.6	102.2
Henderson Administration		
Am Smaller Co	a48.9	58.2
Australian	a64.1	68.3

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Breweries

Ald Lyons	182	
Bass	544	-3
Bell A	a145	+2
Belhaven	58	
Bodd Brew	a80	
Brown M	378	
Bulmer HP	129	+7
Davenport	241	
Devenish	610	
Distillers	290	
Vershaws	448	
Greenall W	182	
Greene King	160	
Guinness	251	-1
Highland Dis	a67	
Higsons Brew	143	-2
Invergordon	a127	
Marston Thos	68	
Scot Nw Bws	132	-1
Try City Lnd	a83	
Vaux Brew	275	
Whitbread A	204	-2
Whitbrd Inv	174	
Wolver & Du	312	

Commnwlth Bnds

NZ		
7½pc 83-86	£87½	
S Rhodesia		
2½pc 65-70	£180	

Corps & Boards

Manchester		
3pc 20	£24½	+1
Met Water		
3pc 'B'	£38½	+1

Banks & Disc Hses

Allied Irish	105	
Ansbacher H	66	
ANZ Gp	253	+7
Bank Ireland	280	+2
Bnk Scot	a452	
Barclays Bnk	a387	
Brown Ship	390	
Cater Allen	533	-5
Clive Dis	61	-1
First Nat	95½	
Gerrard & Na	354	
Goode DMM	102	
Guinness Pt	71	
Hambros Shs	143	
Hill Sam	275	
H.K. & Shai	a85	+2
King & Sx	178	-3
Kleinwort	a485	+5
Lloyds	577	-2
Mercury Sec	426	
Midland	359	-3
Nat West	637	
Rea Bros-A	68	
Ryl Bk Scot	290	
Schroders	a738	
S. St. Asn	61	-1
Std Chtrd	a477	+5
Union Dis	723	-10
Westpac	210	+7
Wintrust	260	

Financial Trusts

Armour Tst	22	
Aust Agr	250	
Brit Arrow	a94	
Daily M Tr A	£12½	
Dalgety	475	
Exco	a583	
Jackspan	390	-4
Lon Inv Tst	31	+1½
M & G Hdgs	85½	
Masten Fin	a26	
Martin FP	445	
Mcth Secs	38	

Insurance

Alexander	a£22½	
Britannic	a727	-2
Comm Un	a216	-2
Equity & L	256	+1
Genl Accdt	586	-2
GRE	691	-2
Heath C E	581	-2
Hogg Rob'son	284	-1
Legl & Ge	a896	-2
Lon & Mcr	a724	-5
Lon Utd	300	-3
Marsh & Mcl	a£23⅞	-½
Minet Hldgs	238	-10
Pearl	a£11½	
Prudential	a675	
Refuge	a400	
Royal	a583	-3
Sedgwick	397	-2
S. Wrtson	a594	-3
Sun Al & L	446	-2
Sun Life	a839	
Trade Indem	a335	+5
Willis Faber	a657	+3
Windsor Sec	55	

Investment Trusts

Alliance Tst	633	-2
Amr. Tr	a134	
AA Secs C	272	+2
Ashdown	132	
Atlas AT	108	-1
Bankers Iv	a82	
Brit Amer	104	
Brit Assets	197	+1
Brit IT	345	+2
City & Cml	a35	
Cons Vent	a107	
Derby Inc	100	
Derby Cap	98	
Drayton Jaan	370	+3
Drayton Cons	287	
Drayton Prem	390	
Edin Am	a93	
Electra	722	
Eng & Int	248	
F&C Pac	a144	
F & C Allian	88	+1
Family IT	216	
First Union	a180	
Fleming F.E.	281	+1
Fleming Mer	a115½	+½
Fleming Ovs	107	-1
Fleming Tech	142	+1
For & Col	a65	
Fundinvest	43	
Fundinvest C	300	
Gen Funds	583	
Gen Stock	150	+2
Globe IT	281	
Hambros	154	
Hill (P) IT	281	
Inv In Suc	503	+3
Jove Cap	17½	
do Inc	a93	
Law Deb C	172	
Ldn Gar	293	
Lon M Sec	85	
M & G Inc	286	
M & G Cap	454	
Merchants	a93	
Murray Inc	116½	+½
do 'B'	113	

SA Mines

AA Corp	$12½	-½
AA Gold	a$87	
Blyvoor GM	$7⅞	-1
Bracken M	a170	
Buffs GM	$40¼	-½
Doornfntn	$17½	
Driefontein	$25½	
E Rand Pr	581	
Fr Stt Ged	$28½	
Gencor	$13½	
GFSA	$16½	
Groot Prop	581	
Harmony	a$14½	
Hartebeest G	543	
Joburg C Inv	$10½	+½
Kloof GM	$37½	-½
Leslie GM	a260	
Loraine	429	
Mid Wit W	317	
Pres Brand	$28½	-½
Pres Steyn	$28½	
Randfontn	$106	-½
St Helena	$18½	+½
SA Land	273	
Stlfnt GM	$7½	
Vaal Reefs	$93	
Vnpst GM	385	
Vlkfntein	773	
Welkom	$7¹¹⁄₁₆	
W Rand C	$4⁹⁄₁₆	-⅛
W Deep L	$43½	-½
Wests Hes	$31½	
Winkelht	a$32	-½

Mining

A-A Inv T	a£43	
Amr Hkn	265	
Br Hill Pro	a£43	+10
CharterCon	183	
Cons Gold	532	-2
Cons Murch	£4½	+1
De Beers Pr	a£6½	+½
Hmn GMA	198	
M'lay T Dr	44	
Mons (Tr)	90	
MTD (Man)	13	
Nth B Hill	139	+6
Rio Tinto Z	634	+2
Tronoh Mns	250	+5
Vonels MT	95	
W Mining Co	221	+7
Zbian Cop In	15½	

New Issues

B.T.	148½	+1½
Jaguar	286	-2
Osprey	70	
Our Price	435	+6
Robertson R.	282	

a Ex dividend
b Offer assented
c Non assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

Oil

Awil Pet	55	-3
Brit-Borneo	318	
Bristol	21	-2
BP	a565	-1
Britoil	228	+10
Burmah	a228	+3
Century	80
Charterhall	50	
C'house Pet	a109	
Clyde Pet	a88	
Enterprise	a196	+2
Hunting Pt	144	
Inn C Gas	361	
LASMO Ops	440	
LASMO Ord	a515	-1
Petrofina	a196	
Premier Con	52	
Rye Dutch	£48⁹⁄₃₂	+¹⁰⁄₃₂
Shell Trns	a733	+2
Tricentrol	a251	-2
Ultramar	a328	

Property

Allied Londn	a102	
Bellway	128	+1
Bilton (P)	230	
Bradford Pro	410	
Brit Land	141	-1
Brixtn Est	137	
Cap & Cnt	207	
Chstrl Est	223	
Chesterfield	450	
Countis Est	a118	
Central Sec I	39	
Daejan	4??	+15
Est Prp Inv	148	
Evans-Leeds	70	
Grt Port E	154	
Greycoat	208	
Hanson A	a440	
Haslemere	498	
Laing Prop	a276	
Land Sec	390	
Lyndon	313	
Marlborough	a56½	
MEPC	300	
Mountleigh	295	
Mountview	380	
Macklow	82	
Peachey Pr	284	+11
Prop Hldg	123	
Prop Sec In	123	+1
Raglan	81	
Rush & T	240	
Samuel Prop	162	+1
Scot Met P	84	
Slough Ests	138	
Sterling	69	
Stock Conv	510	+5
Traffd Pk	203	
Utd Real	530	
Warnford	425	
Webb (J)	23	

Rubber

Barlow Hlds	109	+1
Grnd Cent	11	
High & Low	a89	-3

Shipping

Br & Com	276	-2
Common Br	80	+2
Hunt'g G	102	+6
IOM Stm	98	
Jacobs (J)	a59½	+1½
LOFS	21	
Ocean T & T	a178	-2
P & O Dfd	356	+1
Reardon 'A'	11	
Runciman	88	

Tea & Coffee

Camellia	£19	
Lawrie	£17½	

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Austria	26.60	Greece	160	Portugal	206
Belgium	76.60	Ireland	1.21	Spain	208
Canada	1.63	Italy	2,425	Sweden	10.98
Denmark	13.79	Malta	0.57	Switzerland	3.19
France	11.56	Netherlands	4.29	USA	1.20
Germany	3.80	Norway	10.94	Yugoslavia	300

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (one month)
Australia	1.8360–1.8390	1.8570–1.8600	
Austria	27.25–27.35	27.12–27.22	15.75 to 14 gros prem
Belgium	77.90–78.15	77.71–77.93	27c to 22c prem
Canada	1.6631–1.6690	1.6730–1.6780	0.48c to 0.38c prem
Denmark	13.84–13.90	13.90–13.93	4.875 to 4 ore prem
France	11.78–11.85	11.75–11.79	2.625c to 2.125c prem
Germany	3.87–3.88	3.86–3.87	2.375 to 2.125 pfg prem
Greece	167.91–171.81	167.74–171.32	
Hong Kong	9.44–9.46	9.42–9.43	
Ireland	1.2375–1.2395	1.2325–1.2340	
Italy	2,455–2,471	2,454–2,468	3 lire prem to par
Japan	305–306	308.36–308.80	
Netherlands	4.37–4.39	4.35–4.37	2.125c to 1.875c prem
Norway	11.07–11.11	11.06–11.10	0.125 ore prem to 0.624 dis
Portugal	213.29–217.26	215.51–218.22	130 to 505 esc disc
Spain	216.93–217.35	215.57–216.20	
Sweden	11.12–11.16	11.12–11.16	0.125 to 0.75 ore disc
Switzerland	3.26–3.28	3.23–3.24	2.25c to 2c prem
USA	1.2070–1.2090	1.2205–1.2220	0.47c to 0.44c prem

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.71; French franc 9.81; DM 3.22; Yen 253.85.

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposits: 7–7.125
Bank base rate: 12.5–12.75
Bank overdraft: 15.75–18
Building society mortgage: 13
Building society: 7.7 net
Finance house rate: 13.5

UK MONEY MARKETS %

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury Bill	—	12	12	—
Eligible Bills	—	12	12	—
Interbank Rate	12½	12	12	11
Discount Market	12½	—	12½	12½

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS %

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8	8	8
Euro DM	5	5¾	6
Euro Fr fr	10½	10	10
Euro SW fr	5	5	5

US INTEREST RATES: Federal Funds: 8¾ US prime rates: 10½

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Industrial editor Michael Smith explains why the ordinary investor should not be beating down anyone's door to get at the British Aerospace shares that the Government will shortly be putting on the market. And, below, Margaret Dibben alerts the lucky British Telecom shareholders to a date that they overlook at their peril

BAe speculators face risky climb to profit

FIVE months ago, Mrs Thatcher's normally ungenerous Government gave small savers an almost guaranteed windfall profit by selling shares in British Telecom to the public for the first time.

Telecom shares, priced initially at 50p a time, are now changing hands at around 140p — a "paper" profit of £180 for every £100 invested.

This weekend, however, people will be wondering whether the Government can possibly repeat the magic formula in the imminent sale of £600 million shares in British Aerospace.

The answer, in a nutshell, is no.

Although there are inevitably some similarities between Telecom and British Aerospace, there are little or no prospects of ordinary investors making the type of killing seen on Telecom shares.

The similarities include roadshows, presentations and general public relations razzamataz by the City advisers to arouse interest in the shares, though the marketing operation in BAe shares has been far lower key than Telecom's.

Another obvious link is that both deals form part of the Government's denationalisation or privatisation programme. In the case of BAe, the Government is selling its remaining 48 per cent stake in the firm for £400 millions and BAe itself is taking the opportunity of raising a further £200 millions through its own share sale.

There, however, the similarities end.

The first crucial difference is that British Aerospace is a company with almost 52 per cent of shares quoted on the Stock Exchange. It has more than 40,000 individual shareholders.

In contrast, British Telecom shares were being sold for the first time and the price of the sale was deliberately — and disgracefully in many people's view — underpriced to ensure both the success of the giant sale and to fanfare the whole controversial privitisation programme.



"Today is a red-letter day for me — I've just received my bank statement"

The British Telecom shares, in other words, had a built-in profit, whereas British Aerospace does not.

A second crucial difference is the different types of business and commercial cycles between the telecommunications and aerospace industries.

Telecommunications is undeniably an industry of rapid growth and for the foreseeable future may well enjoy a period of uninterrupted expansion.

Aerospace, on the other hand, is very much a long-term industry where it can take two decades to design, develop and sell a new aircraft or aero engine. It is also an industry which suffers from cyclical peaks and troughs.

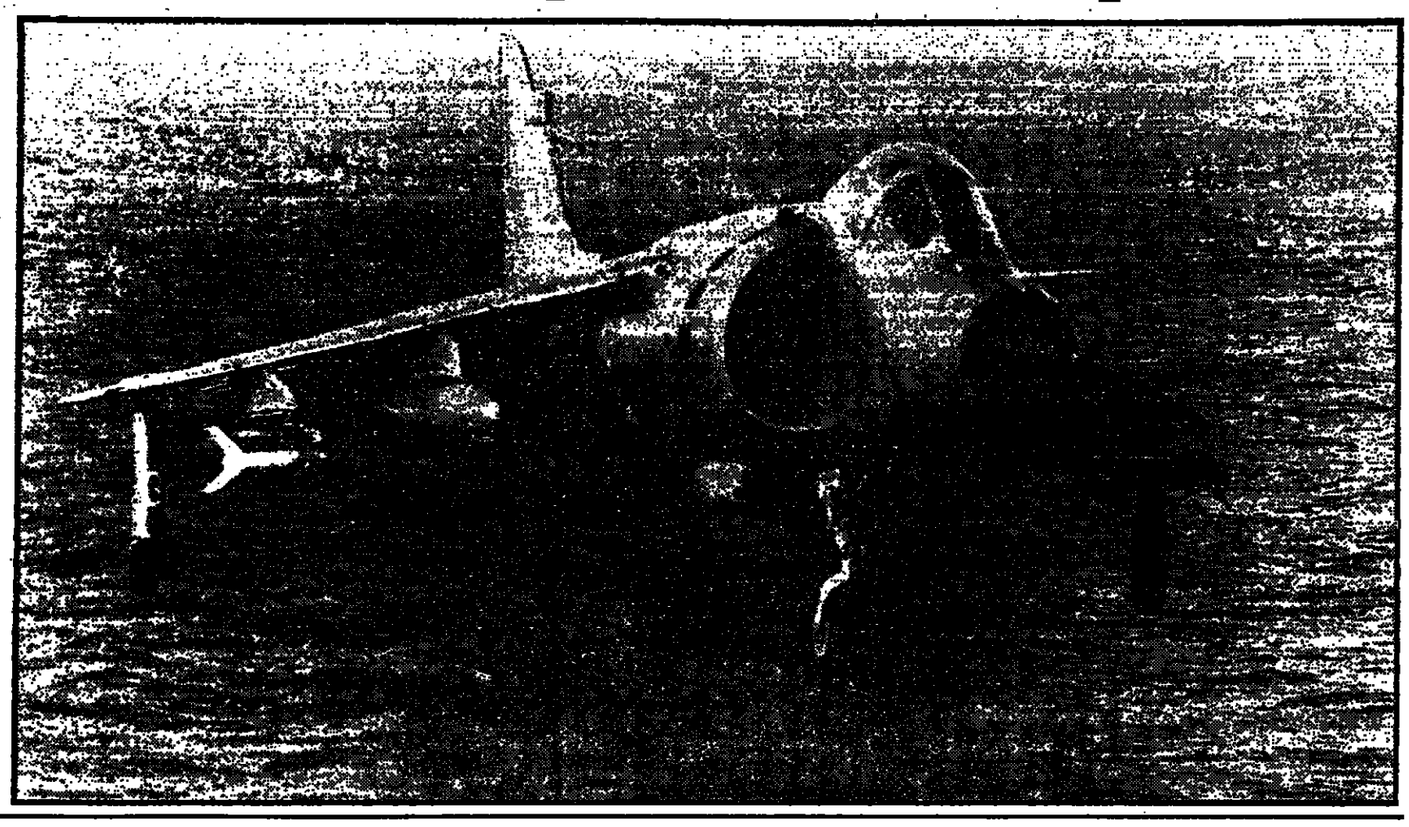
British Aerospace, for example, recently reported a £28 million rise in profits to £108 million for 1984. Yet as recently as 1982, the company suffered losses of £23 million at the bottom of the aerospace industry cycle.

While British Aerospace is certainly not expected to slump back into the red in the foreseeable future, the industry is subject to strong political influences because of its strategic defence role and varying commercial pressures because of the huge cost of developing new products.

In short, shares in British Aerospace are geared more towards the sophisticated and regular investor than either the casual saver or person who thought that British Telecom-style killings can be made on the stock market every day.

Experienced investors should consider taking up the specially discounted shares — priced 375p each, against a market price of 390p — and leaving the Government's allotment to the big battalions of City financial institutions.

But small, uninitiated, savers should hunt around for a less risky haven for their money.



BAe's Harrier: an industry of peaks and troughs

The reverse charge call

BRITISH Telecom shareholders: your starter for ten. Do you owe the Government any more money; and, if so, how much and when?

A recent survey among individual Telecom shareholders showed that only 30 per cent knew the correct answer. If you are one of the 70 per cent, and fail to act in time, your ignorance will cost you a lot of money.

The correct answer is that you must pay up a second instalment of 40p a share by June 24. If you do not, then the Government will take back the shares you owe, thank you very much, and return only your 50p initial payment.

Since Telecom shares now change hands at around 140p each, you will lose a profit of 90p on every share that is currently yours. On a holding of 400 shares, that is £360 of profit.

So, please make sure you have the money ready to pay up by the deadline in seven weeks' time. Investors with 200 British Telecom shares will have to pay £80 and those with 400 need to find £160. If your money is locked away in a notice account, remember to tell the bank or building society that you will be needing it.

At the end of May, you will receive a "call notice" from the Government giving you instructions to post your cheque, the notice, and your interim certificate to the registrar. In return you will get another certificate showing that you have now paid 90p of the 130p you ultimately owe. The balance becomes due next April.

Those who are close share price watchers, will see a sharp jump in the figure towards the end of June. This reflects the additional 40p a share payment. If they are still trading at around 140p, the price will become 180p.

Among the 1.7 million shareholders, no less than 97 per cent think it "likely" that they will hold on to the shares for the vouchers or bonus, even though 70 per cent of them hold, at the very most, only one other share. To comfirm their loyalty to Telecom, 64 per cent applied for the share bonus, for which they will have had to wait three years, rather than the voucher.

The vouchers start arriving in August. One for £18 if you hold 200 shares and two worth £36 for 400 shares. Anyone with 800 shares will get two more vouchers early next year.

Everyone will get a dividend in August. Holders of 200 shares will receive £7.80 and for 400 shares twice this, £15.60.

But what if you really cannot stump up the 40p a share payment right now? You may think your only choice is to sell some of the shares to meet the cost. This would be a shame. If you do reduce your holding, you will lose the vouchers or the bonus shares and you will have to pay dealing costs of £5.75 for any transaction under £300.

Assuming the price stays at 140p, you will need to sell 48 shares, allowing for dealing charges, to meet the £80 for 200 shares. If the price rose to 150p, you would have to sell 45 but if it dropped to 120p, then you would lose 54 shares.

Much better than this would be a visit to your bank manager to ask for an overdraft until you have the money.

Margaret Dibben

IN BRIEF

Pru goes nesting

PRUDENTIAL insurance salesmen are about to start selling unit trusts, the first time they have sold anything other than insurance products. As the man from the Pru knocks on the door to collect the monthly premium, he will have in his briefcase two new unit trusts aimed at the first-time buyer.

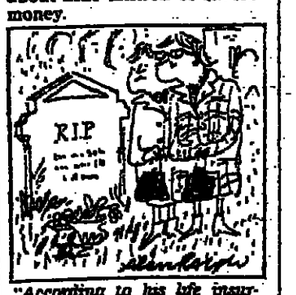
To start with, only the 2,500 senior salesmen who have passed a test will be allowed to sign up unit trust business, but eventually all the 9,000 agents will move from merely introducing the business to closing sales.

The new unit trusts are called Holborn UK Growth Trust and Holborn High Income Trust. The minimum investment for both is £1,000 and, if this seems high, the Pru expects the average holding to be around £5,000. The most likely takers will be the 45+-year-olds whose families have left home (the Pru has coined the term "empty nesters") with perhaps a redundancy payment or matured insurance policy proceeds.

No home relief

THE uncomfortably high mortgage rates being charged by building societies will not start falling for a few more months at least. Despite the higher savers' rates and a plethora of special accounts paying record real rates of interest, the societies have taken in not much more than £500 million in April, whereas they need £800 million to satisfy mortgage demand.

The outlook for May and June is similarly poor. As well as being traditionally low months as investors withdraw their savings to pay for holidays, the second instalment on British Telecom shares will lose societies about £120 million of savers' money.



"According to his life insurance policy, Roger wasn't covered against Act of God . . ."

Post Office cash flow

THE Post Office's cash machines are steadily appearing around the country. Those just installed in the North-west (Manchester, Liverpool, Blackpool) were joined this week by seven in London. National Girobank, which operates the machines, is a member of the Link Group, a consortium of 22 banks, building societies and finance companies, which will eventually have a total of 900 machines.

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How to take care of yourself in hospital

What happens to your bills—and your benefits—if you are suddenly laid low? Lindsay Cook has some healthy suggestions

GOING into hospital can be an anxious time, so it is obviously vital to cut down on any other worries, especially over money matters. If you know in advance that you are due to be admitted to hospital, what should you do in order to minimise your financial worries while you are away?

First, notify your employer and ensure that your wages or salary continue to be paid on time. There should be no problem if your salary is usually paid direct into your bank account. But, if you are normally paid weekly in cash, your employer could arrange to send you a postal order or cheque instead or, if you prefer, you could authorise someone to collect your wages on your behalf.

If you became sick before you are due to go into hospital, you may already be receiving statutory sick pay (SSP) paid by your employer for up to eight weeks in a tax year. If not, then notify your employer as soon as you are sick and unable to work — this will be your claim for SSP. Entitlement to SSP depends on incapacity to work, and on average weekly earnings, not on your national insurance contributions. Your employer should provide you with details of the rules at your workplace on what you will need as evidence of incapacity for work, and how to notify sickness absence.

If you are excluded from SSP, your employer should send you form SSP1(E), which states why your employer considers you are excluded, and also contains a claim form for sickness benefit. This should be completed and sent to your local DHSS office to claim sickness benefit. Unemployed and self-employed people are excluded from SSP, in any case, and should claim sickness benefit as soon as they become sick and incapable of work.

Entitlement to sickness benefit depends on incapacity for work and on having the right national insurance contribution record. For the first week off sick, you will need to submit a self-certificate — form SC1(Rev) — to your local DHSS office and a doctor's note thereafter. The form is available from the local DHSS, or hospital or doctor's surgery. Both SSP and sickness benefit should continue while you are in hospital.

The rest of the money due from your employer — apart from SSP — while you are in hospital depends on the terms of your employer's occupational sick pay scheme, if there is one. Details should be in your contract of employment.

If you are receiving any social security benefit, it is essential to notify the local DHSS office of the date of your expected admission to hospital as soon as possible.

What happens to your benefit depends on which benefit it is, and on your family circumstances. Unemployment benefit stops as soon as you go into hospital as you are no longer available for work, but you may be eligible for sickness benefit instead. Other national insurance benefits, such as sickness benefit, invalidity benefit and retirement pension, should be paid in full for up to eight weeks in hospital. It will then be cut by £14.32 a week if you do not have dependants, and by £7.16 a week if you do have any dependants.

Note that, if you have already been in hospital in the last 28 days and are being re-admitted, your benefit may be reduced straightaway as the two spells are linked together and count as one continuous period in hospital. Days of admission and discharge — and spells of less than 24 hours in hospital — count as days at home and you should receive benefit for these days.

With certain benefits, like invalidity benefits, you will normally receive an additional amount on top of your basic benefit for an adult dependant, and any dependent children. What happens if your adult dependant is admitted to hospital? If the dependant is your wife or husband, the addition paid for them should continue for eight weeks of their stay in hospital, and will then be cut by £7.16 a week. If the addition is for another adult dependant, such as a parent, the addition you receive for them will stop as soon as they are admitted.



"Unemployment benefit stops as soon as you go into hospital . . ."

Child benefit normally continues if you or your partner go into hospital. If your child is admitted, the rules say that child benefit will be paid for 12 weeks of your child's stay in hospital. It continues after that if you are incurring expenses for the child, eg: fares for visiting, pocket money. In fact, in 99 per cent of cases, child benefit continues after 12 weeks of a child being in hospital. And, if you are on a benefit like invalidity benefit and receiving an addition for your child, this should carry on while you are getting child benefit.

What happens to other benefits? Attendance allowance normally stops after four weeks in hospital. If you are a carer and receiving invalid care allowance (ICA) it will stop if the person you are looking after is in hospital for more than four weeks. If you — the carer — are admitted, your ICA will stop after 12 weeks in hospital.

Mobility allowance continues throughout a stay in hospital unless you cannot benefit from it because of your medical condition, eg: being in a coma. Maternity allowance is paid in full, as is family income supplement. If your stay in hospital is for treatment of an industrial injury or disease or a war injury, your industrial disablement pension — or war pension — may go up while in hospital, as you may be eligible for hospital treatment allowance.

If your income as a whole goes down while in hospital, you could qualify for standard housing benefit (help with rent and rates from your local authority), or extra housing benefit if you already qualify. Notify your local authority housing benefit department of the change in your income.

With supplementary benefit, the picture is more complicated — it depends on your circumstances. For instance, if you are single with no dependent children, your normal requirements (how much the DHSS estimate you need for everyday expenses) will be cut to £7.15 on admission to hospital. If one of a couple is admitted, supplementary benefit should continue in full for eight weeks, then the normal requirements will be cut by £7.15 a week. And additional weekly payments for the patient will usually stop once the normal weekly requirements are cut.

Your family could be entitled to additional weekly payments while you are in hospital, eg for private domestic assistance if the person at home is unable to cope with household tasks. Or your family could be eligible for help with fares for visiting you in hospital. Remember that going into hospital could mean your family becomes entitled to supplementary benefit, either because of the drop in income, or through becoming entitled to additional weekly payments, such as fares for visiting.

Help with the cost of fares for visiting people in hospital is also available if you receive family income supplement (FIS), or if you qualify on low income grounds — see DHSS leaflet H11.

You could be entitled to a single payment for clothing needed during your stay in hospital such as pyjamas if you are on supplementary benefit. If possible, claim before admission. If anything is lost or damaged during your stay in hospital, claim a single payment to replace it and appeal against the decision if you are turned down.

Certificated housing benefit (help with rent and rates while on supplementary benefit) should continue while in hospital. If you are in board and lodging, the DHSS will normally pay a retaining fee, but this will be reviewed after eight weeks in hospital. It should continue if the DHSS consider there are definite prospects of you returning to that accommodation.

To get your benefit while in hospital, you can authorise someone to collect it on your behalf by signing the back of the payment orders in your order book. Or you can arrange with the DHSS for someone to be appointed as a regular agent to collect it for you.

If someone cannot look after their own affairs, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services can appoint a relative or friend to act on the claimant's behalf and collect the benefit for them.

Note that some benefits, such as mobility allowance, can be paid directly into a bank account. This can continue while you are in hospital.

If you have a bank account, you may wish to arrange standing orders to pay regular bills while you are in hospital, eg: mortgage payments, rent. Otherwise, you could arrange for a relative or friend to make these payments on your behalf. If this is difficult, contact the hospital social worker who should be able to arrange to help you.

Gas, electricity, and telephone bills may well arrive while you are away. If there is no-one else to deal with them, have a look at when you last received such bills and whether new ones are likely to arrive during your stay in hospital. Notify your local gas and electricity boards of your admission. They can make special arrangements by, for example, giving you an estimate of the likely bill so you can pay it before being admitted. Or they can make a note on your account that you are in hospital and should not be disconnected. British Telecom are likely to allow you time to pay the bill if they know you are going into hospital.

With other bills, such as HP payments, do notify the HP company of your admission. Some firms arrange an extra insurance cover for payments while someone is sick — if you have such a policy, then your HP should be covered most of the time you are in hospital. If not, some HP companies who operate good practice can put your account in abeyance, on hold as it were, until you leave hospital. If you hire a TV, you may wish to return it to the hire firm while you are away, or you could try asking them to freeze the account and then pay the amount you owe once you are discharged.

For advice on money matters while in hospital, contact the hospital social worker or Almoner. Some hospitals have a 'Citizens' Advice Bureau either on the premises or giving advice sessions on particular days. Ask the ward sister for details of sources of help at your hospital. One thing you don't want to do while in hospital is to think about money.

Table of basic self-catering commodities priced in £	UK (Safeway)	Austria	Belgium	Cyprus	France	Germany	Greece	Italy	Portugal	Spain	Switzerland	USA
1 litre of cheap wine	1.99	1.13	1.37	.61	1.37	.97	1.00	.57	.39	.30	1.89	1.48
½ litre local beer	.45	.32	.41	.26	1.10	.28	.26	.39	.26	.15	1.33	.49
250 gms butter	.49	.84	.66	.43	.73	.75	.94	.95	.79	1.03	1.26	.99
250 gms margarine	.21	.40	.41	.45	.40	.49	.52	.53	.35	.50	.60	.53
1 litre cooking oil (not olive)	.95	.75	1.10	1.07	1.55	2.03	1.58	1.52	1.10	.88	1.70	1.93
1 dozen eggs	.84	1.08	.89	.68	.91	1.11	.97	1.19	.79	.82	.95	.82
1 litre milk	.36	.44	.38	.30	.37	.28	.46	.43	.29	.44	.47	.48
1 small loaf of bread	.33	.24	.49	.30	.37	.56	.32	.49	.20	.45	.79	.69
250 gms hard cheese	.66	.94	.89	.47	1.10	1.28	.86	1.23	.75	1.27	1.31	2.52
1 kilo oranges	.70	.65	1.85	.74	1.46	.56	.38	1.15	.39	.51	.98	1.14
1 kilo tomatoes	1.23	1.31	1.64	.85	1.28	1.12	.23	1.72	.33	.63	1.33	1.53
1 kilo potatoes	.20	.21	.50	.18	.91	.28	.25	.82	.16	.25	.40	.33
1 kilo sugar	.46	.55	.52	.81	.64	.47	.42	.49	.36	.50	.41	.66
Sub Total	8.42	8.86	11.11	7.35	11.79	10.18	8.19	11.48	5.45	7.73	13.42	13.59
½ kilo tea-bags	1.95	4.51	5.14	4.32	5 02	8.34	3.20	11.60	8.00	7.50	8.00	4.44
½ kilo instant coffee	6.63	2.59	7.19	8.06	3.00	11.12	8 93	1.43	11.72	8.20	4.22	10.05
½ kilo fresh ground coffee	3.05	2.44	2.47	9.45	2.70	4.72	2.50	2.87	3.72	3.15	2.40	2.15
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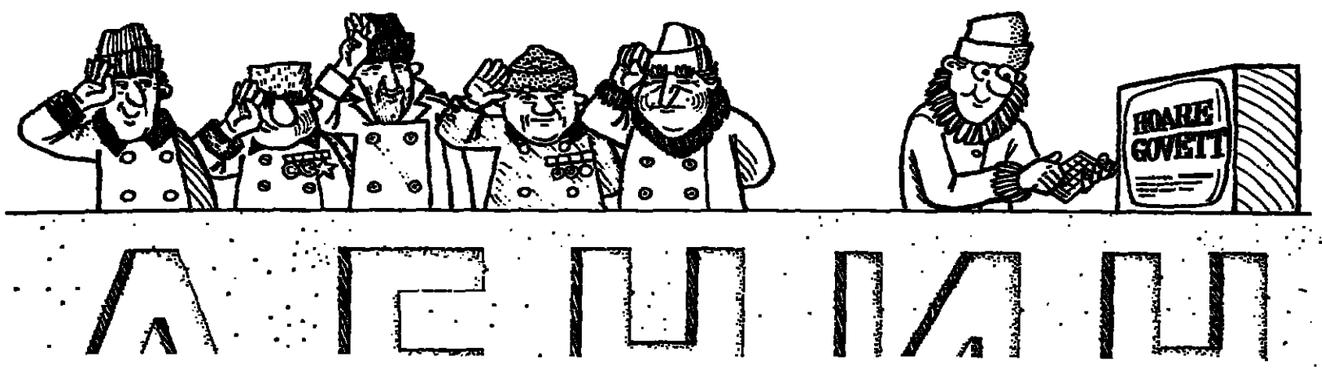
RECOGNISING that there would be some resistance on hotel-based packages this year, particularly in Spain, due to the rise in prices, the tour operators added considerably to their capacity for self-catering packages. Nothing, however, was said about the grocery costs in any country.

Thomas Cook travel agencies have to an extent made good this deficiency with charts based on information from their local representatives.

We are now chipping in our tuppence worth with a table of basic commodities that a self-catering holidaymaker might consider necessary before turning to the wider complexities of a good menu. The figures have all been collected from supermarkets, by our correspondents in situ.

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answered by Margaret Dibben

I SHALL soon have £40,000 to put away for a few months before buying another house. Where can I obtain the best interest? — D.A.J., Southampton.

SINCE you will want easy access to your money, most higher interest accounts which stipulate minimum investment periods are ruled out, so your options are limited.

Much depends on the time gap you expect between receiving your money and buying your next home. Also on whether you intend to use up the whole of your money in the purchase.

Reasonable rates of interest are now available on bank and building society accounts which require only seven days' notice of withdrawal. But for the bulk of your money you should consider opening a special high interest cheque account. These are able to pay rates to ordinary investors which are available usually only to financial institutions.

Ask about them at your bank and compare terms and conditions with those offered also by such concerns as Save & Prosper, Tyndall, Citibank.

Tax confusion

MY wife and I have money invested in building society five-year term shares. Interest has been added to the capital, but in spite of not receiving it I declare the "income" on my tax return. Is the interest not subject to capital gains, rather than income tax? — G. M., Redhill.

THIS is a matter that puzzles many people. The interest on all building society savings (banks too from April 5) is credited to your account net of basic rate income tax, which means that tax has been paid by the building society.

However, you must still declare it to the Inland Revenue, because the interest, added to your other income, may take you into a higher tax bracket. If so you may have to make up the difference. Otherwise it is just part of the normal revenue requirement that all income, whether taxed or not, must be declared. You will have no liability, of course, to capital gains tax.

Pension worry

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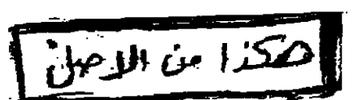
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Weekend Money is edited by Margaret Dibben





Hoe down — weeds ahead

Derek Senior suggests some urgent tasks for May — and others that should be delayed after such a bitter spring. Drawing by Sharon Finmark.



IT'S an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the one that swept over us from the North Pole in recent weeks must have been welcomed by the nurserymen who raise seedlings of half-hardy bedding plants and tender vegetables for sale in garden centres. For they have to make an early start in order to push through as many successive batches as possible, and what happens to the earliest batches determine the size of the market for the later ones.

Gardeners who fell for the tempting displays of plantlets, all ready for setting out, a month ago, when temperatures were rising to the seventies by day and not dropping below 40 deg F by night, must now write them off and start afresh — or persevere with chilled and stunted plants that can never fully recover. Unless, of course, they wisely refrained from setting the plantlets out in the open, preferring to keep them spaced out in a cool greenhouse or heated frame and to feed them when they threatened to outgrow their containers before it was safe to plant them out.

Gardeners who have been raising their own tender seedlings on warm window-sills for lack of heated frame or greenhouse space may still hope to get away with it, provided their sowings were not too optimistically premature. In some cases we have no choice but to take a chance or do without: for example, the virtue of the new F1 hybrid geraniums is that they will flower throughout their first summer — but only if the seed is sown in heat in winter.

My own batch, raised on a window-sill from a late January sowing, looks very promising in its three-inch pots at the time of writing, but will have to take its chance in my unheated walk-in plastic tunnel before this month is far advanced, or I shan't get the sturdy, bushy plants I want. My bedding dahlias, sown in mid-March and raised on the same window-sill, are already getting leggier than I like to see them, and my tunnel is the only place where I have room to space them out.

The temperature in the tunnel, even with one end left open, soared well over 90 deg F whenever the April sun came out, but dropped almost to freezing point on frosty nights. However, an additional layer of plastic draped over seed boxes on the bench trapped enough heat to germinate the seeds of such less tender plants as sweet corn and climbing beans, and (no less important) to keep the seedlings growing strongly — so strongly, indeed, that they were ready for planting out in less than a month from an early April sowing. So I have had to plant them out inside the tunnel, where soil warmed by the high day temperatures has already put a foot of growth on sweet pea seedlings, while those planted outdoors have stood still, or even withered.

Meanwhile my early potatoes have grown apace, unharmed by night temperatures as low as 25 deg. F. under cloche frames covered with Agryl P 17, a new polypropylene fibre cloth which evidently lets in enough light as well as air and water. For my money this is a definite advance on the polythene cloche.

Gardeners who lack all such protective devices and have lost bought-in plantlets can still get good displays of half-hardy bedding plants and good crops of tender vegetables — provided the summer is reasonably warm — by sowing the seeds in the open during the next week or two. The flowers will come two or three weeks later than from seedlings already raised under cover, but they will go on blooming later into the autumn.

In the rush to get summer flowers and vegetables sown and planted out after a cold April, one is apt to forget other jobs that need to be done during the first week in May. One is the cutting back, right to the point of origin, of leading shoots on cordon and pyramid fruit trees that have reached their intended final height. Another is the turning in, preferably by rotavator, of raspberry shoots arising outside their intended beds. Done this week, these jobs will not have to be done again. But most important of all at this time of year is the control of weeds, which if left another fortnight would get damagingly out of hand.

Annual weed seedlings do little or no harm to vegetable crops during the first three weeks after the crop seedlings have emerged, but will drastically reduce their potential yield if left to burgeon for another two or three weeks thereafter. So ply the hoe between rows whenever the weather is dry enough to kill off the uprooted weed seedlings, and hand-weed and thin within the rows whenever the soil is moist enough to enable disturbed crop seedlings to make a quick recovery when lightly firmed back into place. Annual flower seedlings germinated in the open must be given a similar head start over the weed competition, enabling them to smother any subsequently germinating weeds.

It is no less urgently necessary to deal at this stage with the deep-rooted perennial weeds that cannot be pulled out and that come again, hydra-like, if their tops are hoed off. Among the most vicious of these is couch-grass, which spreads by means of underground rhizomes — hundreds of yards of them per square yard of ground in a single season, with a nodule on every inch from which a fresh shoot will arise if the first is cut off.

Researchers have found that if every shoot is cut off before it has made a third leaf the food supply in the rhizome will eventually be exhausted; but if one is missed it will photosynthesise an extension of the rhizome. Fortunately we now have, in Weed Out, a specific couch-killer that is translocated into the rhizome if it is watered or sprayed on to the shoots when they have made four or five leaves, and does no harm to any broad-leaved plants in which the couch may be growing.

Ground elder spreads in the same way, throttling everything in its path. Glyphosate (Tumbleweed) will kill it if applied now while the weed is growing strongly — and perhaps again a month later — but will also kill any other green plant it touches, so the only thing to do when ground elder gets in amongst your herbaceous plants is to dig them up, hose all the soil from their roots and extricate the white, fleshy ground elder roots before replanting in weed-free soil.

The no less pernicious bindweed makes only one root, but that one may spiral down six feet into the earth while the prehensile shoots fan out in search of any climbable support. Paint them now with Tumbleweed Gel before they can reach your delphiniums.

Odd jobbing

by Hilary Applegate

POTATO tops boldly greeting treacherous spring weather will need protection on nights when frosts are forecast. Earthing up can be started, and newspaper or sacking should be laid over the shoots and secured until the frost has lifted.

Perhaps the most serious pest of carrots is the carrot root fly. This little insect's sense of smell seems to be such that the thinning of carrots is equivalent to broadcasting the location of nursery facilities for the maggots which are its young. The maggots tunnel into the roots, rendering them partially or wholly inedible. So seed should be sown sparingly to reduce the need for thinning and any unavoidable thinning should be done in the evening, when the fly is less active. The discarded seedlings should be removed. Incidentally, sowings made in mid-March, or at the beginning of June, are less likely to be attacked.

The technique of intercropping is useful for making the most of a small vegetable plot. Crops such as Brussels sprouts can be interspersed with quick maturing crops such as lettuce or early cabbage. By the time the sprouts need the room initially allotted to them, the "intercrop" is ready for harvesting: two crops can be had from the area of one.

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Tim Roberts investigates the legal relationship between the landlord and the rent-payer

Treating tenants with a degree of licence

JUDGING by recent noises emanating from Government circles, it seems highly likely that some form of revision of the law affecting private sector tenants is very likely, perhaps within the next session of Parliament.

The argument, as it is presented by Government hawks, is that successive Rent Acts have restricted the supply of rented accommodation coming on to the market, while the existing stock has been decimated by a tax system which allows a much better return on property sales than on renting.

That the private rented sector has been in decline virtually since before the war is not in dispute. But the idea that rent-control legislation is entirely responsible is open to doubt.

The reason is mainly the profusion of Rent Act-dodging tenancy agreements or, more correctly, licence agreements, which are coming to dominate the market for new tenancies.

The House of Commons environment committee which looked into every aspect of private sector tenancies and reported in 1982, was very sceptical of the submissions, largely from other Government departments, that most tenancies fall within the Rent Acts.

The committee concluded that "the evidence presented cannot be used to substantiate the Minister of Housing's estimate that about 400,000 of the 500,000 lettings made in 1977 (the last year for which figures were available) were regulated tenancies".

New evidence to support the alternative view, proposed by the committee that a "substantial proportion" of these tenancies fell outside the Rent Act, comes from another source, the GLC.

In its own survey of private tenants in London 1983-84, the GLC discovered that the vast majority of tenants had no idea of the legal status of their agreement with their landlords.

Barely a third of respondents to the survey thought that their tenancy fell under the Rent Act legislation which gives them security of tenure and the right to a fair rent. The GLC recognised that it is difficult to establish, with any precision, just what the relationship is between many tenants and their landlords without resorting to the courts.

Licence agreements often establish that the tenant has signed away some of his rights under the relevant legislation. Where there is no written agreement, or in some cases where there is, a court will seek to determine the nature of the intent of both landlord and tenant when the agreement was reached. Obviously, this can lead to some highly subjective judgments.

But while the nature of the agreements is often very complex in law, there are certain types of licence agreement which are becoming increasingly common partly because they have successfully established themselves in case law as outside the Rent Act.

For the 50 per cent of people who are unsure about the nature of their agreement with a private landlord (there is no reason to assume that the depth of knowledge in the rest of the country will be much better than Greater London), the following is a brief guide to the major types of Rent Act avoidance used by landlords.

Non-exclusive occupation agreements: These usually contain an agreement that the landlord is free to move somebody else into the accommodation if he wants to — even himself.

Resident landlords: If the landlord lives on the premises either through keeping a room and sleeping there from time to time or through having his relatives there as a sign of his intention to return, then the tenancy will be unprotected. The landlord must have lived there, however, since the beginning of the tenancy. He does not count as resident if you live in a purpose-built block of flats.

Holiday let agreements: One of the most common loopholes, which gives the occupant the right to occupy the dwelling for a holiday. However, the tenancy may not be a holiday let just because you have signed a piece of paper saying that.

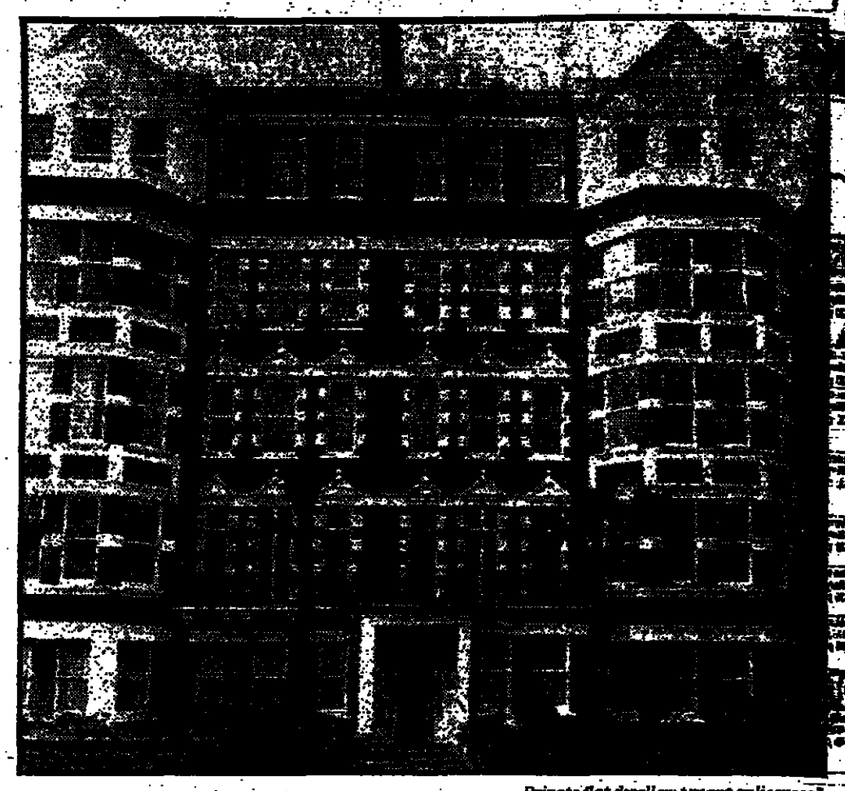
Board and attendance: This is where the rent includes payment for the supply of food and provision of meals or where the rent includes a substantial payment in respect of service provided to the tenant by the landlord, for example cleaning.

Company lets: This involves the granting of a tenancy to a third party who is not the actual occupier. If it is a company, for example, which sublets, then the company does not qualify for protection because it does not live in the dwelling.

For further information about private sector tenants' rights and other information about how to find, pay for and keep your home see The Housing Rights Guide by Geoffrey Randall, available from SHAC, 189a Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0AR. Price £4.98, including postage and packing.

THE FARRAGO of the Home Improvement Grants system and the attempt at reforming the allocation of grants is becoming almost as long running a farce as rates reform. But Sir George Younger did promise the House of Commons that a discussion document on proposals for reform would be circulated in early May. Rumours that the reform would mean a switch to home improvement loans for everyone bar the very poor, have already been discounted by the Department of Environment as "pure speculation."

This is official jargon meaning "we didn't want to tell anyone just yet." If true, the switch will be greeted with considerable dismay by both home improvers and local authorities alike. Local authorities are caught in a double bind by the proposals, the administrative burden will be considerable at a time of spending restraint, and the move to loans will inevitably slow the take-up and the process of inner city refurbishment.



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Friday 10 May 7.30 pm THE BOCHMANN QUARTET BERNARD ROBERTS (piano) Haydn String Quartet in D, Op 20 No 4. Schubert String Quartet in D minor, D.810 (Death and the Maiden); Dvorák Piano Quintet in A, Op 81 £2, £3, £4 — Hanover Management U.K.

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COMEDY 01-930 2578. CC 839 1438. Evgs 8.0, Fri. and Sat. 6.0 & 8 45. **MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** 2nd MOUTH-WATERING YEAR "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR A 1,000 YEARS" Time Out. Seats at some Perfs from £6.50 Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565 / 379 6433 / 741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Evgs 8.0. Mats. Thur 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH GEOFFREY HUGHES BILL PERTWEE TESSA WYATT ANITA GRAHAM with GARETH HUNT and BARRY HOWARD in **RUN FOR YOUR WIFE** Written and Directed by RAY COONEY Over 800 side-splitting performances. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE." S. Exp. Seats £4.50 to £9.50 Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie / Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.60.

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GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. Evgs. 7 45. Mats. Sat. 2.30. "SHEILA GISH Excels . . . & JONATHAN KENT Beautifully paused performance" F.T. in INTERMEZZO by Arthur Schnitzler. Dir. by Christopher Fettes. "Admirable" Guardian "Fascinating evening" Financial Times.

HALF MOON THEATRE. 790 4000. Evgs 8 pm Stephen Sondheim's SWEENEY TODD.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE. 722 9301 Evgs 8.15, Sat. Mat. 5 0 GERTRUDE STEIN AND A COMPANION by Win Wells. Extended to May 24.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL. 01-930 9832. Group Sales 01-930 6123. **LIV ULLMANN MICHAEL GAMBON NICOLA PAGETT** in **OLD TIMES** by Harold Pinter Directed by David Jones "It is thrilling to see work of such quality in the West End." S. Times "Extraordinarily funny." S. Tel. "Immaculate, teasing . . . unequivocally sexual . . . a gilt-edged, all-star, first rate revival." Gdn. Evgs. 7.30, Mats. Wed. 3.0, Sats. 4.30.

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MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon.-Thur. 8, Fri./Sat. 5.40, 8.10. Gp. 930 6123. **RICHARD TODD** ERIC LANDER ANNETTE ANDRE **THE BUSINESS OF MURDER** The Hit Thriller by Richard Harris. "The best thriller for years." S. Mir. "An unabashed winner." S. Exp. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational." Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen." D. Mail. **5th GREAT YEAR** OVER 1,600 PERFORMANCES

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PHOENIX THEATRE. 240 9661. CC. 836 2294/379 6433. Grp. Sales 930 6123. Mon.-Thur. 7.45. Fri./Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. **GRIFF RHYS JONES** GWEN TAYLOR in **TRUMPETS & RASPBERRIES** A New Comedy by DARIO FO "INSPIRED CLOWNING" S Tel "INSPIRED FUN" Standard. "INSPIRED INVENTION" D. Mi "INSPIRED NONSENSE" F. Tms "BLISSFULLY FUNNY" Tms. LAST 2 WEEKS — MUST END MAY 11

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WYNDHAM'S. 836 3028. CC 379 6565. 379 6433. 741 9999. Grp 930 6123. 836 3962. Evgs. 8.0. Wed. Mat. 3 0. Sat 5 0 and 8.15. "A VERY FUNNY SHOW." Obs. SUE TOWNSEND'S THE SECRET DIARY OF **ADRIAN MOLE** AGED 13¾ Music and Lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY "LIVELY SPARKISH HUMOUR." Gdn. "ACUTE AND FUNNY." Std.

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SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC. 229 3694. "A Major Film — Superb." A Film by Award Winner Helma Sanders-Brahms. THE FUTURE OF EMILY (15). French dialogue, English subtitles. Starring Hildegard Knef, Brigitte Fossey. 2 15 (not Sun.) 4.25, 7.00, 9.00. Late Show 11.15. David Bowie in MERRY XMAS MR LAWRENCE (18). DIVA (18). Sun. Mat. at 3.00. John Belushi in CONTINENTAL DIVIDE.

SCREEN ON THE HILL. 435 3366. Keith Carradine, Genevieve Bujold in Alan Rudolph's A Gem of a Movie." — D. Mail. CHOOSE ME (15). 2.15, 4.25, 7.00, 9.00. Lic. Bar. Tickets Bookable Late Show 11.15. John Belushi in THE BLUES BROTHERS (15) Mel Gibson in THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY (PG).

SCREEN ON BAKER STREET. 935 2772.
1 Rupert Everett and Miranda Richardson in DANCE WITH A STRANGER (15) 2.30 4.35, 7.00, 9.00 11 15
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ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Losey's film of Mozart's DON GIOVANNI (PG) at 1.15 (not Sun.) 4 20 7 35.

ACADEMY 2. Olivier's RICHARD III (U). Film at 2.0 (not Sun) 5.0 8.0.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819 Marcel Carné's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG) Films 4 10 & 7 30 Ends May 16

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TELEVISION

SATURDAY

BBC-1

7 10-8 25 am Open University. 8 30 The Saturday Picture Show. 10 55 Film: Goin' Coconuts. 1978 comedy with Donny and Marie Osmond 12 27 pm Weather News.

12 30 **GRANDSTAND.** Including: Football Focus (12 35); news (12 55); World Ice Hockey Championships (1 0; 4 25); racing from Haydock Park (1 25; 1 55; 2 25); boxing (1 35; 2 5); rugby league Cup Final: Hull v. Wigan from Wembley (2 40); final score (4 40).

5 5 **TOM AND JERRY:** Dog Trouble. Cartoon.

5 15 **NEWS;** Weather News; sport; regional magazines.

5 30 **THE KEITH HARRIS SHOW.** Cuddly duckling Orville returns with his vent friend Keith and a clutch of new dummy chums, including Virgil the Vulture and Pongo the punk Skunk. Barbara Windsor, Gary Wilmot the humans lending a hand.

6 5 **THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE.** The luxury liner Poseidon capsizes all over again, in Ronald Neame's popular, value-for-money disaster pic, in order to prevent anybody else from turning over before Wogan gets going. Gene Hackman, Ernest Borgnine, Red Buttons and Carol Lynley lead the listing passengers struggling to the surface in a topsy-turvy fast-flooding world. Made in 1972.

8 0 **EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 1985.** The 30th such jingoism-and-jingles gathering, from Gothenburg in Sweden this year, aimed at a potential audience of 400 million thanks (?) it says here, to cable TV. Vikki from Liss is the Brit entrant hoping to get lukki with Love Is, against 18 opponents; T. Wogan our man in the commentary box. Times hereafter may vary.

10 15 **NEWS;** sport; Weather news.

10 30 **MATCH OF THE DAY.** Jimmy Hill with soccer highlights from two League games, plus the results of the April Goal of the Month competition.

11 20 **BUG.** Earthquake unleashes a plague of incendiary insects on the American West, with obsessed scientist making things worse after his wife suffers premature cremation. Bradford Dillman, Joanna Miles lead Jeannot Swarc's eco-horror yarn, made in 1975.

12 55 Weather; close.

BBC-2

6 25 am Open University.

3 10 **BACHELOR MOTHER.** Surrogacy was only a gleam in a scientist's eye when Garson Kanin made this charming comedy about the misunderstandings that follow when shopgirl Ginger Rogers finds an abandoned baby. Made in 1939, it co-stars David Niven.

4 30 **MAN'S FAVOURITE SPORT?** Rock Hudson plays an anglingphobe fishing tackle salesman whose pretensions to expertise are tested in an angling tournament, in this dull Howard Hawks comedy made in 1964, with Paula Prentiss.

6 25 **THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED:** What the Doctor Ordered. Second showing for last Tuesday's edition of the thoughts of James Burke, on the 19th century revolution in medicine and public health.

7 15 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

7 30 **WAGNER'S RING.** Humphrey Burton introduces us to the mythic world of gods, heroes, giants and dwarfs which Richard Wagner took as the basis for his towering cycle of musical dramas, and takes us to the famous theatre at Bayreuth — now celebrating its centenary — which was purpose built to stage the work. The introduction takes us on to a repeat screening of Patrice Chereau's Bayreuth production of the cycle, originally shown in ten episodes but now split into the four separate operas, to be shown on successive Saturdays.

7 50 **DAS RHEINGOLD.** Hermann Becht sings the part of the Nibelung dwarf whose theft of the Rheingold leads to an epic struggle for world domination, in the prologue opera conducted by Pierre Boulez, with Donald McIntyre as Wotan, Hanna Schwartz as Fricka. With sub-titles, it's simultaneously broadcast on Radio 3.

10 15 **BAD COMPANY.** This first (1972) feature by Robert "Places in the Heart" Benton is a well-crafted, beautifully-photographed drama following the adventures of young drifters Jeff Bridges and Barry Brown in the West of the Civil War.

11 45 **RUGBY SPECIAL:** The Middlesex Sevens. 12 40 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 8 30 The Wide Awake Club. 9 25 LWT Information. 9 30 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Champions.

12 15 **WORLD OF SPORT.** Including: boxing — WBA Heavyweight Championship: Greg Page v. Tony Tubbs. Plus Marvin Hagler v. Thomas Hearns (12 20); news (12 45); On the Ball (12 50); racing from Kempton and Newmarket (1 20); speedway — England v Denmark (3 10; 4 0); half-time round-up (3 45); wrestling (4 15); results (4 45).

5 0 **NEWS;** weather.

5 5 **HAPPY DAYS:** Babysitting. With Henry Winkler as Fonzie.

5 30 **CONNECTIONS.** With Sue Robbie.

6 0 **THE SATURDAY 6 O'CLOCK SHOW.** Including a visit to the third Basildon Country Music Festival, and a sudsy tribute to the laundrette.

6 50 **THE GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW.** Quickfire comedy with the quintet and their guests.

7 20 **THE PRICE IS RIGHT.**

8 15 **HUNTER:** Hard Contract. Fred Dryer, Stepfanie Kramer lead the new crime import based on the tired old formula of maverick police partners. Oracle sub-titles.

9 15 **NEWS;** weather; sport.

9 30 **TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED:** William and Mary. Repeat showing, in the twist-ending series, for Roald Dahl's chilling little story about a bullied wife's revenge, with Marius Goring and Elaine Stritch in the title roles. Oracle sub-titles. London news headlines.

10 0 **AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET:** When the Boat Goes Out. Last repeated episode of Central's much-liked comedy drama, with Dennis, Neville and the rest of the expat Geordies facing the end of their German job. Oracle sub-titles.

11 0 **THE CAR.** Sinister driverless sedan terrorises small American town, while everyone screams a lot and runs in the wrong direction, and only heroic sheriff James Brolin can save the day.

12 45 **MAGNUM.** With Tom Selleck as the pin-up private eye.

1 40 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with John Newton. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Chips Comic. 1 30 Enthusiasts. With sub-titles.

1 55 **MUCH TOO SHY.** George Formby, as gormless artist, leads 1942 slapstick comedy.

3 40 **BREWSTER'S MILLIONS.** Dennis O'Keefe as the soldier who inherits a fortune, in fourth (1945) screen version of a vintage stage farce.

5 5 **BROOKSIDE OMNIBUS.** Oracle sub-titles.

6 0 **THE MAX HEADROOM SHOW.**

6 30 **NO PROBLEM!** Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow.

7 0 **SEVEN DAYS** on illegal immigrants who have taken sanctuary from the law in a church in North London; plus items on the NCCL crisis, and the pill.

7 30 **LAKELAND ROCK.** 1: Climbing with Mackerel on Your Feet. Veteran mountaineer Chris Bonington, acclaimed for making it up Everest at 50, is nobbut a lad compared with some of the climbing pioneers joining him in this new series to recreate their original ascents of the great Lake District routes.

8 15 **WINSTON CHURCHILL: THE WILDERNESS YEARS.** 4: A Menace in the House.

9 15 **TWENTY TWENTY VISION: DIVIDED BRITAIN.** 3: Future Fall-Out. Final programme in the documentary trilogy explores, through the attitudes of three groups of young people, the divisions between a disaffected and alienated youth from mainstream British society.

10 0 **HILL STREET BLUES.**

10 55 **THE LATE CLIVE JAMES.** With guests Robert Maxwell and Ludovic Kennedy.

11 40 **NAKED CITY:** Ooftus Goofus.

12 40 **THE PAUL HOGAN SHOW.**

1 5 Close.

S4C: 1 20 pm Farming on 4. 1 50 A Question of Economics. 2 20 A Week in Politics. 3 5 Kilimanjaro. 4 5 Americans at War: The Battle of China; The Memphis Belle. 6 5 Where in the World? 6 30 The Avengers. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 45 Sion a Sian. 8 15 Portreadau. 8 45 Canu, Penillion. 9 15 Rali Ryngwladol Shell yng Nghymru. 10 0 Cynhadledd '85 TUC Cymru. 10 10 Hill Street Blues. 11 5 Film: Quartet (1948). 1 0 Diwedd.

Regional variations

Anglia
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Connections. 5 35 Cartoon Time. 5 50 Riptide. 6 50 As London. 12 45 At the End of the Day: close.

Central
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Film: Attack on the Iron Coast. 1967 war heroics with Lloyd Bridges. 6 50 As London. 11 0 Film: The Legend of Hell House. 1973 chiller with Roddy McDowall. 12 45 Close.

Channel
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 9 57 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 11 25 Tarzan. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5 10 Film: S*H*E. 1980 Bond-style hokum with Omar Sharif, Cornelia Sharpe. 6 45 As London. 12 45 Weather, close.

Granada
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Film: Attack on the Iron Coast. 1967 war drama with Lloyd Bridges. 6 50 As London. 11 0 Film: The Birds. 1963 Hitchcock thriller. 1 5 Black Sabbath in Concert. 1 40 Close.

HTV
6 15 As London. 9 25 Professor Kitzel. 9 30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 Fireball XL5. 11 50 Just Our Luck. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Film: Attack on the Iron Coast. 1967 war drama with Lloyd Bridges. 6 50 As London. 12 45 Weather; close.

South
6 15 As London. 9 25 Porky Pig. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 The Green Hornet. 11 45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 12 15 As London. 5 10 Connections. 5 40 Professor Kitzel. 5 50 Knight Rider. 6 50 As London. 12 45 Company: close.

South-West
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 9 57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 Freeze Frame. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Newsport. 5 10 Film: S*H*E. 1980 spy hokum with Omar Sharif, Cornelia Sharpe. 6 50 As London. 12 45 Postscript; weather; close.

Yorkshire
6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 11 50 Joanie Loves Chachi. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Film: Attack on the Iron Coast. 1967 war drama with Lloyd Bridges. 6 50 As London.

SUNDAY

BBC-1

6 45-8 50 am Open University. 8 55 Play School. 9 15 Superbook. 9 30 This is the Day. 10 0 Asian Magazine. 10 30 Use Your Head. 10 55 Greek Language and People. 11 20 Letting Go. 11 45 The Learning Machine: computers in education. 12 10 pm Mr Smith's Indoor Garden. 12 35 Farming. 1 0 News Headlines. 1 5 Italy Welcomes the Princess. 1 30 World of Wildlife: Way of the Willow. 2 0 Eastenders. Omnibus edition. Ceefax sub-titles. 3 0 Film: In Which We Serve. 1942 patriotic drama with Noel Coward, John Mills, Celia Johnson. 4 50 Top Gear. London and SE only — see below for regional variations. 5 20 It Ain't Half Hot Mum. Ceefax sub-titles.

5 50 **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW.** From Sunderland, where Hugh Scully and the experts learn how a bit of DIY plumbing led to an artistic find in the attic. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 30 **NEWS:** Weather News.

6 40 **PRAISE BE!** Thora Hird returns with a new selection of viewers' favourite hymns. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 15 **SORRY!** More comedy in the Lumsden household, with Ronnie Corbett as the apron-strung son, now dabbling with antiques.

7 45 **JULIET BRAVO:** Attack. Another repeated case for Inspector Kate (Anne Carteret).

8 35 **MASTERMIND.** After the taxicab winner and the London Transport winner, are we in for another other-rank champ?

9 10 **NEWS;** Weather News.

9 25 **THAT'S LIFE.** Esther and the gang with more consumerism and comedy.

10 10 **THE ROCK GOSPEL SHOW.** Last of the series, with Sheila Walsh introducing the massed singers of CAUSE — the Gospel version of Bandaid — and their fund-raising number Do Something Now.

10 45 **THE PAST AFLOAT.** Anthony Burton continues his exploration of our maritime heritage.

11 10 **A FAMILY BAND.** The Cummingses of London are the subject of the latest profile in Roy Castle's series on music-making families.

11 40 **THE SKY AT NIGHT.** Patrick Moore talks to Dr Lionel Watson of Lancaster University about lunar rills.

12 0 Weather; close.

Wales: 12 35-12 58 pm Farming in Wales. 4 50-5 20 A Question of Sport. 10 10 Music Makers: Beethoven Night. 10 55 Wales TUC Conference Report. 11 20 The Rock Gospel Show. 11 55 News; weather; close.
Scotland: 1 5-2 0 pm Seven Days. 4 50 Tom and Jerry. 4 55 The Beechgrove Garden. 5 25-5 50 Italy Welcomes the Princess. 10 10-10 45 Voyager.
Northern Ireland: 4 50-5 20 pm Harry Mortimer's Star Brass.
England: 4 50-5 20 pm East: Natural Profile. London & South-east: Top Gear. Midlands: Bodypower. North: The Pennine Challenge. North-east: Heroes. North-west: Sit Thi Deawn. South: Gardening Club. South-west: The Place-Name Game. West: Country Living.

BBC-2

6 50 am Open University.

1 55 **SUNDAY GRANDSTAND.** Introduced by Desmond Lynam, and including motor racing coverage of the San Marino Grand Prix; ice hockey — the Heineken League Play-Offs final, and highlights of yesterday's Rugby League final between Hull and Wigan.

6 50 **NEWS REVIEW.** With sub-titles.

7 15 **STUART BURROWS SINGS.** The Welsh tenor returns with a new series of popular light classical music, blending popular songs and ballads with operatic arias; He's joined by soprano Marie McLaughlin, and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra.

7 50 **THE ORSON WELLES STORY.** Showing again to mark the 70th birthday of one of the cinema's most versatile and vivacious characters, this two part Arena profile (concluded tomorrow) traces Welles's fascinating if flawed career as actor, writer, director and producer; on radio and in the theatre as well as in movies. He talks to Leslie Megahey about his difficulty in completing projects, like the Don Quixote he started in 1955, and about his many wrangles with the studios over presentation of his work. "I should never have stayed in movies," says the man whose first film — Citizen Kane, made over four decades ago— remains his best. "I've wasted the greater part of my life trying to make my work from this terribly expensive paintbox."

9 40 **GRAND PRIX.** Murray Walker, James Hunt with news of today's Formula One action in the San Marino event.

10 10 **BLEAK HOUSE.** Another chance to see last Wednesday's episode of the handsome Dickens dramatisation, with Diana Rigg, Denholm Elliott, and Dave King joining the cast as Sgt. George. Ceefax sub-titles.

11 5 **RUGBY LEAGUE.** Harry Gration recaps yet again on yesterday's Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

11 50 Close.

NORTHERN IRELAND: 1 55-6 50 pm Sunday Grandstand including Bass Irish Cup Final: Glentoran v Linfield.

ITV London

6 55 am Good Morning Britain, including 7 0 Rub-a-Dub Tub; 8 2 Are You Awake Yet? 8 30 David Frost. 9 25 LWT Information. 9 30 Porky Pig. 9 45 Speedy and Daffy. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Getting On. 11 30 Breakthrough. 12 0 Weekend World: The Bonn summit and the world's faltering economy. 1 0 pm Police 5. 1 15 The Big Match. 2 0 A Full Life: Sir Michael Tippett. 2 30 Film: Two for the Road. 1967 comedy with Audrey Hepburn, Albert Finney. 4 30 Travellers by Night. Oracle sub-titles. 5 0 Now You See It. 5 30 Operation Nestegg: Liberation of the Channel Islands. 6 0 The Prince and Princess of Wales in Italy.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **HIGHWAY:** Truro. With Harry Secombe and friends Charles Causley, Benjamin Luxon, and pasty expert Jennifer Hosken.

7 15 **THE PRACTICE.** More drama at the health centre, where everyone is trying to give up their bad habits — especially patient Warren, still trying to kick his brick. Oracle sub-titles.

7 45 **A ROYAL CELEBRATION ... FORTY YEARS OF PEACE.** The VE Day anniversary celebrations get under way with this gala charity concert, coming live from London's Palace Theatre, at which Princess Anne is guest of honour, and le tout showbiz turns out to participate in a nostalgic homage to four decades of British entertainment. The Beverley Sisters, Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson, Sir Harry Secombe, plus massed service bands, the Royal Choral Society, and not a dry eye in the land as Dame Vera Lynn leads the Land of Hope and Glory finale.

9 15 **A ROYAL CELEBRATION ... FORTY YEARS OF PEACE.** Part Two.

10 30 **ONE SUMMER.** Continuing the re-run YTV drama, with David Morrissey and Spencer Leigh as the Merseyside tearaways looking for a new life in rural Wales. James Hazeldine as the drop-out teacher who befriends them. Oracle sub-titles. London news headlines.

11 30 **AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY:** Nightmare of Cocaine. 24 million Americans are said to have tried cocaine at least once; nine million regularly sniff, smoke or inject it. This film explores the experiences of eight very different people with the drug.

12 25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Katharine Whitehorn. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Irish Angle. 1 30 Tennis that Counts. 2 0 A Question Of Economics. 14: Public or Private Enterprise? 3 35 Karl Bohm. Documentary profile of the Austrian conductor.

3 15 **ELEKTRA.** The afternoon opera season continues with a first screening of director Gotz Friedrick's film of the Richard Strauss one-act work, based on Sophocles' tragedy. News Summary; weather.

5 30 **THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME.** Clive Sinclair talks about the problems of his electronics and vehicle companies. Plus a report on whether British Airways is stifling competition from the smaller airlines.

6 15 **ATHLETICS.** Glasgow is the venue for this first of three city centre road races, over ten kilometres.

7 15 **A THOUSAND MILLION MILLION ANTS.** Latest contribution to the Worldwise season, and the first of three entomological studies from Oxford Scientific Films, this study of the densely populated, highly organised world of the ant features five different ant communities in Britain, Australia and Costa Rica.

8 15 **MAPP AND LUCIA:** Lobster Pots. Geraldine McEwan, Prunella Scales as the society rivals in penultimate instalment of the comic E. F. Benson dramatisation.

9 15 **GUITARRA!** Concerto-Finale. Julian Bream concludes his history of the Spanish guitar and its music over five centuries.

9.50 **OPINIONS.** Novelist Doris Lessing has the floor for this final edition of the series, arguing that our children — particularly working-class children — are being robbed of their literary heritage by an elitist establishment in schools and universities.

10 20 **ENCORE.** Last of the three compendium movies based on Somerset Maugham's stories, made in 1951. 12 0 Close.

1 40 The Making of a Climbing Series — Lakeland Rock. 2 10 Gardeners' Calendar. 2 40 Sunday Opera: Orfeo ed Euridice with *Dame Janet Baker.* 5 0 The Wine Programme. 5 30 The Business Programme. 6 15 Athletics: The Olde English Cyder Series. 7 15 Sioe Siarad. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 35 Tocyn Tramor. 8 10 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 8 40 Er Gwaetha'r Gelyn. 9 25 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9 55 Winston Churchill — The Wilderness Years. 10 55 The Late Clive James. 11 40 Seven Days. 12 10 Diwedd.

Regional variations

Anglia
6 55 As London. 9 30 Survival. 10 0 As London. 1 0 Silver Spoons. 1 25 Weather Trends. 1 30 Farming Diary. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 The Bondage Field. 4 15 Cartoon Time. 4 30 As London. 11 30 The Irish RM. 12 30 The Snowbird; close.

Central
6 55 As London. 9 25 Professor Kitzel. 9 30 Breakthrough. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Getting On. 11 30 Gardening Time. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Prince and Princess of Wales in Italy. 1 30 Here and Now. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: Toma. 1972 crime drama with Tony Musante. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Operation Nestegg. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Stephane Grappelli in New Orleans. 12 0 Close.

Channel
12 25 Starting Point. 12 30 Link. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 A Sense of the Past. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Flip Top. 3 25 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 3 30 Scarecrow and Mrs King. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Now You See It. 5 30 Cartoon Alphabet. 6 0 As London. 11 30 Legmen. 12 25 Weather, close.

Granada
6 55 As London. 9 25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9 30 Window on the World. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11 30 Down to Earth. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Champions. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: The Sicilians. 1964 crime drama with Robert Hutton. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Operation Nestegg. 5 30 The Prince and Princess of Wales in Italy. 6 0 Now You See It. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Return of the Saint. 12 25 Close.

HTV
6 55 As London. 9 30 Peru — The Hidden Empires. 10 0 As London. 1 0 The Adventurer. 1 30 West Country Farming. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Jump Run. 3 30 Operation Nestegg. 4 0 The Prince and Princess of Wales in Italy. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Definition. 5 30 Falcon Crest. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Looks Familiar. 12 15 Weather; close.
Wales: As West except: 1 0-1 30 pm The Shell International Welsh Rally.

South
6 55 As London. 9 25 Action Line. 9 35 Atom Ant. 10 0 As London. 1 0 Agenda. 1 30 Farm Focus. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: Five Days. 1954 crime drama with Dane Clark, Thea Gregory. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Now You See It. 5 30 Keep It in The Family. 6 0 As London. 11 30 Gemma, Girls and Gershwin. 12 15 Company; close.

South-West
6 15 As London. 9 25 Getting On. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 25 Look and See. 11 30 The Crazy World of Sport. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 Farming News. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Fisheries News. 3 25 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 3 30 Scarecrow and Mrs King. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Now You See It. 5 30 Cartoon Alphabet. 6 0 As London. 11 30 Legmen. 12 25 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees
6 55 As London. 9 25 Morning Glory. 9 30 Getting On. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 25 Lookaround. 11 30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Farming Outlook. 1 30 The Smurfs. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Stunts Unlimited. 4 30 As London. 11 30 Mission England Choir; close.

Yorkshire
6 55 As London. 9 25 Getting On. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Breakthrough. 11 30 Farming Diary. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Smurfs. 1 15 The Big Match. 2 0 A Full Life. 2 30 Film: Submarine X-1. 1968 war drama, with James Caan. 4 0 Operation Nestegg. 4 30 Travellers by Night. 5 0 Now You See It. 5 30 The Jimmy Young Television Programme. 6 0 As London. 11 30 Session. 12 0 Five Minutes, close.

RADIO

SATURDAY

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Dave Lee Travis. 1 0 pm 30 Years of Rock. 2 0 Paul Gambaccini. 4 0 Saturday Live. 6 30 In Concert: Working Week. 7 30 Graham Bannerman. 9 30-12 0 Dixie Peach.

Radio 2

4 0 am Brian Ford. 6 0 George Ferguson. 8 5 David Jacobs. 10 0 Sounds of the 60s. 11 0 Album Time. 12 30 pm Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show. 1 0 pm The News Huddlines. 1 30 Sport on 2. 6 0 Folk on 2. 7 0 Jump! 7 30 Stanley Black: Music from the Movies. 9 30 Big Band Special. 10 5 Steve Jones. 12 5 am Night Owls. 1 0 Peter Dickson. 3 0-4 0 Wally Whyton.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Aubade.
9 0 News; Record Review. Schubert's Death and the Maiden Quartet; choral records.
10 15 Stereo Release. Bach: Cantata No. 51 — Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen (Emma Kirkby / English Baroque Soloists); S. S. Wesley: Anthem — The Wilderness (St Alban's Cathedral Choir); Poulenc: Stabat Mater (Michele Lagrange / Lyons National Choir and Orch / Baudo).
11 25 BBC Scottish SO in Stirling, cond. George Hurst. Elgar: Introduction and Allegro for Strings; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4 (Wolfgang Manz); (12 15 Interval); Schumann: Rhenish Symphony.
1 0 News; Czech Piano Music (Peter Wallfisch). Dvorak: Suite in A; Suk: Six Slumber Songs; Novak: Four Eclogues.
2 0 Handel's Serenata: Il Parnasso in festa. Sung in Italian with Gillian Fisher (Clio), Helen Kucharek (Orfeo), Charles Brett (Apollo), Stephen Varcoe (Marte), London Handel Choir and Orch / Denys Darlow. (2 55 Interval.
4 30 Ravel: String Quartet in F. Medici Quartet.
5 0 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum: Coppola's film The Cotton Club; Design exhibition at the V & A; Wallenberg on ITV; Oxford Companion to Eng. Lit.; Coward's Cavalcade at Chichester.
6 35 Music for the Iron Voice: Luigi Ferdinando Tagliavini plays Trabici, Erbach and G. Gabrieli on the 1558 Ebert organ in the Hofkirche, Innsbruck.
7 5 Send for Manheim. Conversation with Ralph Manheim, American translator of German Literature.
7 30 Corelli: Violin Sonata Op. 5 No. 3. Sigiswald Knijken (violin), Wieland Kuijken (cello), Robert Kohnen (harpsichord).
7 45 Wagner's Ring. 1980 Bayreuth production of Das Rheingold conducted by Pierre Boulez. Simultaneous with BBC-2.
10 15 Eder String Quartet. Debussy: Quartet Op. 10; Bartok's No. 3; Gyorgy Kurtag: Hommage a Mihaly Andras; Twelve Microludes; (11 10 Interval); Schubert: Quartet in A minor.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
7 0 News; Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective. Religious affairs.
7 50 Down to Earth. Garden jobs.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Breakaway. Holiday news.
9 50 News Stand. Weeklies reviewed.
10 5 The Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week.
11 30 From our own Correspondent.
12 0 News; Money Box. Finance tips.
12 27 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. Disorderly panel game.
1 0 News; Any Questions? from Ipswich.
2 0 News; Three short plays from Wales: Finesse, by Robert Peart; Runaway Home, by Margaret Pengelly; A First Day, by Michael R. Francis.
3 0 News; Instant Sunshine ... Musical wit.
3 30 Trial by Headline: The Bodkin Adams murder case of 1956 and 1957.
4 15 Enterprise. Finalists in the small business competition.
4 45 Letter from a Rugby Club.
5 0 Wildlife. Nature queries.
5 25 Week Ending. Satire slot.
6 0 News.
6 30 Desert Island Discs: David Steel.
7 10 Stop the Week.
7 45 Baker's Dozen: Favourite music.
8 30 Saturday-Night Theatre: Blithe Spirit. Noel Coward's ghostly farce, with Paul Eddington, Julie McKenzie, Anna Massey and Peggy Mount.
10 0 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 The Great Peacemakers: Alcide de Gasperi.
11 0 Science Now.
11 30 In Other Words ... The Bodgers. North-of-the-Border comedy.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 5 30 If You Don't Get up You'll Miss It. 8 5 Get Gardening. 8 31 Playday. 9 30 Howsat! 11 3 Saturday Roadshow. 1 5 Sportstime. 1 15 The Grevers Selection. 1 45 Roy Noble. 2 30 Sportstime. 6 25 Let's Pop Back. 7 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.
Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 7 45 Byd Amaeth. 8 0 Newyddion; Dros fy Sbectol. 8 15 Ribidires. 9 0 Newyddion; Wyddoch Chi...? 9 40 Cadw Reiat. 11 30 Dyfynodau. 12 2 pm Byd y Bel. 12 30 Hwyl ar y Mastiau. 1 0 Newyddion. Trogon Cyntaf. 1 35 Ar y Ffordd. 2 30 Chwaraeon. 6 25-Close Gweler Radio 4.
Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 7 10 Travel Time. 7 35 Weekly Report. 8 0 News. Leisure Trail. 9 3 Andy Cameron's Saturday Club. 11 3 Call David Scott. 12 3 pm Jimmy Mack's Old Gold. 1 3 Gerry McKenzie's Tartan Terror Show. 2 2 Sportsound. 6 0 News; Take the Floor. 7 30 Nashville Express. 8 30-Close as Radio 4.

World Service

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SUNDAY

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Steve Wright. 12 30 pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. 2 30 Adrian Juste. 4 30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5 0 Top 40. 7 0 Anne Nightingale. 9 0 Robbie Vincent. 11 0-12 0 The Ranking Miss P.

Radio 2

4 0 am Brian Ford. 6 0 George Ferguson. 7 30 Roger Royle. 9 0 Melodies for You. 11 0 Desmond Carrington. 1 0 pm Gloria Hunniford Presents Two's Best. 2 0-6 30 medium wave Summer Sounds: music and sport. 2 0 VHF Benny Green. 3 0 VHF Alan Dell. 4 0 VHF Sing Something Simple. 5 0 VHF As Radio 1. 6 30 Charlie Chester. 7 35 Glamorous Nights. 8 30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9 0 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10 5 Songs from the Shows. 10 45 Andrew Vintner. 11 0 Sounds of Jazz. 1 0 am Peter Dickson. 3 0-4 0 Gloria Hunniford Presents Two's Best.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Amadeus Quartet. Mozart: String Quintet in D (with Cecil Aronowitz); Beethoven: Quartet in F.
8 0 Bach Cantatas 1724: No 166 — Wo gehest du hin. Choir of St Nicholas, Berlin-Spandau, Berlin Bach Orch/Helmut Barbe.
8 20 Domenico Scarlatti. Sinfonia in B flat (Solistes de Paris); excerpts from The Four Seasons (Munich Vocal Soloists/ Munich CO/ Hirsch); Sinfonia in C (Solistes de Paris).
9 0 News; Your Concert Choice. Fela Sowande: Africa Suite (LSO/ Freeman); trad: Ganda Music (Royal Musicians of HM The Kabaka); Tchaikovsky: Queen of Spades (Melitta Muszeley/Fritz Wunderlich/Bavarian SO/Van Zollinger); Symphony No 3 (Vienna PO/Atzmon).
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 Boston SO/Colin Davis. Mozart: Symphony No 33; Frank Martin: Petite Symphonie Concertante.
12 0 Words. Talk.
12 5 Boston SO. Schubert: Symphony No 4.
12 45 Shostakovich (preludes and fugues), Stravinsky (Elegy) and Prokofiev (Violin Sonata). Mark Lubostsky (violin), Boris Berman (piano).
1 30 Rameau's distant dancers. Ballet suite: Les Indes galantes. Collegeum Aureum/Leonhardt.
2 15 Jon Kimura Parker (piano). Bach: Toccata in G minor; Brahms: Variations on a theme by Handel; Barber: Sonata.
3 25 Scottish CO/Zinman. Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks; Beethoven: Symphony No 8; (3 55 Interval); Dvorak: Ten Legends.
4 50 Delme String Quartet. Bloch: Quartet No 2.
5 30 New Premises. Sceptical arts review with Stephen Games.
6 15 Colin Matthews: Sonata No 5; Landscape. BBC SO/Elder.
6 50 A Net of Fireflies. First UK performance of American songs and song-cycles by Persichetti, Theodore Chanler, Charles Griffes. Penelope Price-Jones (sop), Philip Martin (piano).
7 30 Dissonance. Play about Nietsche by Sandra Freeman.
8 50 Rudolph Schwarz (born April 29, 1905) conducts the CBSO. Mozart: Prague Symphony; Ravel: Sheherazade.
9 35 Dr Johnson's Orange Peel. The art of writing biography.
9 55 Concert, part 2. Mahler: Symphony No 4 (Elise Ross, sop).
11 0 Ivan Moravec plays piano music by Beethoven, Brahms, Janacek.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Morning Has Broken.
7 0 News; Sunday Papers. 7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye; 7 45 Bells; 7 50 Turning over New Leaves.
8 0 News; Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause: Friends for the Young Deaf Trust.
9 0 News; Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9 30 Morning Service.
10 15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11 15 The Food Programme.
11 40 Home-ing In. DIY advice.
12 10 It's Your World. Call 01-580 4411 from 10 30 am to talk to Dr Peter Onu, Acting Secretary General of the Organisation of African Unity.
1 0 The World This Weekend; News.
2 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
2 30 Afternoon Play: The Voyage to Van Diemen's Land by Carolyn Sally Jones. Visionary on a convict ship.
4 0 News; The Mosquito is Winning — losing battle against malaria.
4 30 The Living World. Inhabitants of a medieval farmhouse.
5 0 News; Glorious John. Profile of Sir John Barbirolli.
6 0 News.
6 15 More Wrestling than Dancing. Lighthearted talk.
6 30 Bookshelf.
7 0 The Meisterspringer. Berkely Mather. Thriller serial (3).
7 30 The Thatcher Phenomenon. 1: To the Manner Born.
8 0 The Making of Chagall. Russian/ Jewish influences on the artist.
8 30 A Word in Edgeways.
9 0 News; Daughters and Sons by Ivy Compton-Burnett. Drama serial (1).
10 0 News.
10 15 You the Jury. Debate on: Britain Needs Nuclear Energy.
11 0 There's Music in God. Theologians and music, 3: P. T. Forsyth.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; 12 33 Interval; shipping forecast.

VHF: 6 45-7 45 am Open University. 4 0-6 0 pm Study on 4.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Celebration. 8 40 Letter from America. 8 55 Week's Good Cause. 9 5 All Things Considered. 9 32 Landmark. 10 2 Chris Stuart's Sunday Lie-in. 10 45 Sounds Unforgettable. 12 2 pm Out and About. 12 30 First Edition. 1 15 Parry's People. 2 0 On Show. 2 25 Sunday Spin. 2 30 Choirs of Wales. 3 30 Young Musicians of Wales. 4 2 Sunday Spin. 4 30 As Cymru. 5 0 As Radio 4. 5 5 Sunday Spin. 6 15 As Radio 4. 7 30-4 0 am As Radio 2.
Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 45 Open University. 7 45 Gweler Radio 4. 8 0 Newyddion, Papurau. 8 10 Bore Sul. 9 0 Newyddion, Papurau. 9 10 Seiniau. 9 50 Manylu. 10 30 Nol i'r Ysgol. 11 2 Cywair. 11 40 April. 11 45 Oedfa'r Bore. 12 20 pm Wythnos I'w Chofio. 1 0 O'r Newydd. 1 40 Byw yn y Wlad. 2 0 Cerddwn Ymlaen. 2 30 Gweler Wales. 4 2 Byd Natur. 4 30 Camadaeth y Cysegr. 5 0 Canllaw. 5 30 Dewch am Dro. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 7 30 Sain yr Organ. 8 0 Campweithiau Corawl. 8 45 Canu Cloch. 9 15 Rhwng Gwyl a Gwaith. 10 3 Talwrn y Beirdd. 10 45 Ar Derfyn Dydd. 11 0-Close Gweler Radio 4.
Scotland (370m): 6 30 am As Radio 4. 7 45 Letter from America. 8 0 News. Kathie Kay's Greetings Programme. 8 55 Appeal. 9 0 News. Let Us Worship. 10 0 News. Gerry Davis. 11 2 Andy Cameron. 1 5 pm Seven Days. 2 0 News. Prospect. 2 30 The Archie Macpherson Interview. 2 50 Tales of Long Ago. 3 2 Along the Highland Edge. 3 30 The Musical Garden. 4 30 Cave and Paper. 5 0 News. Into Africa. 5 50 Sunday Extra. 6 0-Close As Radio 4.

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